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Khaled receives U.K. Queen today

By a Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will be met by King Khaled Saturday at the start of her three-day visit to mark the growing commercial and political relations between the Kingdom and Britain.

The visit begins Saturday afternoon when a British Airways Concorde aircraft carrying the royal party arrives at Riyadh airport from Bahrain and ends with the departure of the royal yacht Britannia Monday evening for Doha, the next stop on the Queen's six country tour of the Gulf.

Saturday evening the Queen, her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and her minister-in-attendance, Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen will be guests of honor at a dinner given by King Khaled at the Maadhar Palace.

Sunday, she will visit the Riyadh National Museum, attend a race meeting with King Khaled, have tea with the King's wife, Sita, and attend a dinner in the desert given by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman.

Meanwhile, Dr. Owen is expected to hold informal talks



Queen Elizabeth II with Saudi officials on questions arising from the troubles in Iran and the Middle East peace negotiations.

Arab strategy urged

Solidarity needed for Gulf region

By Farouk Lughman
JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — Three Arab countries called Friday for a common strategy to protect the independence of the states of the Arabian peninsula.

Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al-Abdulla Al-Sabah said in a press interview published in Paris that Gulf solidarity was necessary to "keep the region safe from foreign hazards" and that unity was a national aspiration, although it needed a lot of time and hard work to bring it about.

Tarik Aziz, a high ranking member of the Iraqi ruling party told a Lebanese newspaper that Gulf security should be the sole responsibility of the people of the area.

Sheikh Jaber concurred when he said that the region should keep out of foreign power rivalries. North Yemen also called Friday for comprehensive unity of the states of the Arabian peninsula.

Speaking to "Arab News" in Jeddah Friday, Yemen's Information Minister Muhammad Salem Basendowab said his government was advocating unity in order to protect the region against foreign meddling in its internal affairs.

"The basis," he said "should be our Islamic principles. Any



Information Minister Muhammad Salem Basendowab

state willing to adopt them will be welcome to join." Contrary to reports from hostile commentators, Islam ensures the maximum political liberty and social justice — more than Western or Communist ideology, he said.

The changes in Iran "might have a positive effect on the region and the Arab states," he said. Ayatollah Khomeini is a friend of the Arabs and, as a good Muslim, cannot be a friend of Communism.

"We should not let the Communists in Iran or outside make us fear the intentions of the new regime in the country," he said. "It is they who are worried now that Islam has proved to be a powerful movement for tremendous change."

The Arabian Peninsula countries should bridge the rifts that Communists might exploit. To do this, it must create an atmosphere of social justice.

His government has recently released most political prisoners, he said.

Basendowab who is in Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd. Yamani to discuss Saudi aid to the government-run media, said North Yemen would purchase 12 F5 strike aircraft, 100 armoured personnel carriers and 50 tanks from the United States to replenish its mainly Soviet and ageing arsenal.

The Soviet Union, he said, has almost completely severed military and economic relations with North Yemen in favor of the southern People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

"Relations between us and the south have shown no signs of improvement at all," Basendowab said, the trouble came to a head over North Yemen's suspicion the south was implicated in the boobytrap assassination of President Ahmed Hussein Al-Ghazali.

Last week 110,000 South Yemeni exiles and refugees took part in a peaceful demonstration in the North Yemen capital of Sanaa to proclaim solidarity with President Ali Abdullah Saleh in the dispute with South Yemen.

The marchers included 3,000 former soldiers and officers of the South Yemeni armed forces who have defected to North Yemen in recent months, these now form an independent brigade, with barracks midway between Sanaa and Taiz, the

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Khomeini forces execute Savak chief, three generals

TEHRAN, Feb. 16 (AP) — A revolutionary firing squad executed the Shah's secret police chief and three other generals at Ayatollah Khomeini's headquarters during the night as the revolutionary government confiscated all royal properties in the country Friday.

Fearful Americans were packing their bags for an evacuation airlift expected to start Saturday. A preliminary flight took off Friday with 167 of them.

Radio Tehran reported that pro-Khomeini forces appealed for tear gas to disperse an attacking mob after a night-long street battle in eastern Tehran, but that three days of fierce fighting in the north-western city of Tabriz had ended and the government was in control.

Three other generals were killed last weekend by guerrillas as Khomeini's forces were taking over the country, but the government said the four just executed were "the first group of traitors" to be tried by revolutionary forces.

It said Khomeini attended the trial.

The executions were announced by state radio accompanied by martial music. The official Far News Agency said the generals were shot at 11:50 p.m. Thursday.

The state radio said the generals were convicted on charges of "treason, massacre of people, treason to the country and earthly corruption. They were sentenced to death and the verdict was immediately carried out by Islamic forces." It also said their property had been confiscated.

The generals were Navasoltan Nassiri, chief of Savak,

the Shah's dreaded secret police and one of the most hated men in the country; Manuchehr Khomeini, head of the elite paratroopers; Mehdi Rahimi, martial law governor of Tehran; and Reza Naji, governor-general of the central city of Isfahan.

Each was riddled by at least eight bullets. The bodies were transferred from Khomeini's headquarters to Tehran's central morgue.

Nassiri appeared on state television Monday night with his face bruised and bandaged. He had difficulty speaking because a mob pummelled his throat when it seized him Sunday at a manacled army barracks.

The television interviewer asked Nassiri if he ever expected to be tried by revolutionaries, and the general replied, "In this world anything is possible."

Nassiri had been held in a stockade since November awaiting trial on charges of corruption and of torturing and killing prisoners of Savak.

unofficial estimates place their worth at several billion dollars. The Shah and his family also are estimated to have foreign investments running as high as \$20 billion but these are not affected by the decree.



EXECUTED: Iranian General Mehdi Rahimi, former martial law governor of Tehran, who was one of four generals executed by Iran's new regime late Thursday, photographed addressing a press conference in Tehran February 12. Rahimi and the other three generals were executed by firing squad following their trial by Special Revolutionary Courts. (AP wirephoto)

The charges were preferred by the old regime while the Shah was still in the country. Radio Tehran also announced that Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan and his cabinet unanimously approved a decree confiscating all properties of the royal family in Iran, including palaces, lands, and stock in banks, factories and businesses.

The cabinet also decreed that properties and wealth of government officials will be examined, along with that of former officials arrested on corruption charges.

There was no official estimate of the value of the royal properties in Iran, but

Before leaving Iran the Shah transferred title of all his personal holdings to a foundation that was to use them for the good of the people. The institution, Al-Ja'fari Pahlavi Foundation, valued the holdings at \$33.95 million.

The monarch and his immediate family moved Thursday from Marrakech, Morocco, to Rabat, the Moroccan capital and settled in at a government guest house. A correspondent for the "London daily telegraph" reported that "men around the Shah" told her the monarch thinks pro-Moscow Communists will soon take over in Iran and he will have to live out his life in exile.

The Shah left Jan. 16 following Khomeini's year-long campaign to end "corrupting" western influences on Iran's traditional Islamic society.

Unconfirmed reports put the casualty toll in the past three days on fighting in Tabriz, Iran's fourth largest city, as

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UAE, Qatar oil prices raised

PARIS, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Algeria and Nigeria are expected to raise the price of their light crude oil after the decision of Qatar and the United Arab Emirates to charge between seven and eight per cent more, oil industry sources said Friday.

Algeria, which produces one of the highest and purest of crude oils, is already negotiating an increase with the oil companies, the sources said.

Light crude oils, mainly used for gasoline are in greater demand than the heavier categories.

This was the main reason for the decision by the UAE and Qatar to put up their prices.

The cut in Iranian supplies and the resulting tension on oil markets was a secondary factor, because Iran produces very little light crude, the sources said.

They expected the new prices set by Algeria and Nigeria to be broadly in line with those of the two Gulf states.

There is strong demand for

Algerian light in the United States because it is sulphur free and is much cheaper to refine to meet strict pollution controls in vehicle exhaust fumes.

The increase in light crude prices was not regarded here as a breach in OPEC's pricing front.

OPEC allows prices to reflect quality differences, and light crude is commanding a premium over because of exceptional demand.

Last December, OPEC decided to increase prices by 14.5 per cent to 1979. The first part of that rise, five per cent, came into force Jan. 1, and the second, three per cent, is scheduled for April.

Tehran Radio announced Thursday night that Iraq plans to cut its exports to one-fifth of the 5.4 million barrels a day level it averaged before production stopped in December. There was no immediate confirmation from the government.

The decision for the partial increase followed a recent tour of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar by Dr. Mana Said Oteiba, the UAE oil minister and OPEC president.

The shutdown of Iranian oil production as a result of that nation's political strife has constricted the world's oil supply. Although Iraq only produced 10 per cent of the non-Communist world's supply, and more than half of that has since been made up by other states, the loss of Iranian oil has all but wiped out the world's surplus oil capacity.

And the International Energy Agency said Friday that American oil consumption fell by 2.2 per cent in the third quarter of 1978 from the same period a year before while that in the European Community rose by 2.1 per cent.

Peace talks deadlocked; Waldheim favors Geneva

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 16 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has said that whatever the outcome of Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations, the Middle East problem could be solved only through a comprehensive settlement with the involvement of all parties concerned.

Answering questions at a press conference Thursday, he said trilateral moves — involving Egypt, Israel and the United States — were at present deadlocked. But continuing efforts were under way and the situation would have to be

assessed in the light of the results.

"But I wish to repeat what I have said on previous occasions, that it is my considered opinion that the Middle East problem can only be solved through a comprehensive settlement including in the negotiating process all parties concerned, which also of course includes the two co-chairmen of the Geneva peace conference" (the U.S. and the Soviet Union).

The Palestinian problem remains "a key issue in any future settlement," he added.

Egypt hosts U.S. defense chief

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Egypt is expected to press visiting U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown for a wide variety of American arms, arguing that the Egyptian military can pick up the torch dropped by Iran as a defender of Western interests in the area.

Brown arrived in the upper Egyptian city of Luxor, 450 miles south of Cairo, Friday after three days of touring Israeli military bases and discussing Israel's arms requests.

The secretary, who has visited Saudi Arabia and Jordan on his current tour, was to continue to Cairo later Friday, after visiting the temples and tomb of Luxor for a dinner at an army shooting club with Defense Minister Geo. Kamel Hassan Ali.

Brown, who will visit a number of military bases and naval installations during his three-day visit, is scheduled to meet with President Anwar Sadat on Saturday in Ismailia. He is to deliver a message to Sadat from President Jimmy Carter on the Middle East situation in light of the events in Iran, Cairo Radio said.

"The Egyptians are expected to take this opportunity to bend Brown's ear on the subject of more arms," said one analyst. "The radical regime in Libya and the Soviet intrusion in Africa and the Middle East is uppermost in their minds," he said.

Sadat told a visiting congressional delegation last year that Egypt needed more arms to help friendly nations in the area confront the spread of Soviet influence in the Gulf, the Horn of Africa and elsewhere.

If the United States is reluctant after Vietnam to send its troops overseas, Sadat argued, then it should "give Egypt the wherewithal to support friendly countries," one source quoted the president as saying.

Egypt's army is one of the world's biggest, but its Soviet-

made tanks, airplanes and armored personnel carriers are now at least five years old and Egypt is trying to re-equip with Western-made arms.



A JUMP AHEAD: President Jimmy Carter leaps over an irrigation ditch while visiting a farm in Ixtitlan, El Grande, Mexico, Thursday. (See story page four.) (AP wirephoto)

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Yamani lauds Pakistani move

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd. Yamani Friday hailed the application of the Islamic Sharia in Pakistan.

He hoped that this step will be followed by similar ones in all Islamic countries.

On the events in Iran, Dr. Yamani said that the Kingdom's position was clear as it was stated in the cable of congratulations addressed by crown prince Fahd to the head of the new government.

Saudi Arabia, he added, is keenly interested in the welfare of the Iranian people and hopes that security and stability would prevail there.



MEAL TIME: His table manners are atrocious, but this six weeks old Australian cockatoo is getting some lessons in feeding himself from pet shop owner Fiona Brown. The Australian cockatoo, which can be taught to talk, is a popular pet in Australia. (AP wirephoto)

South Yemen shells North

SANA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — South Yemeni forces launched an all-day attack on north Yemeni border positions Friday, according to North Yemen's Saba news agency.

The agency said that North Yemeni forces struck back and that a fighter plane of the South Yemeni air force violated the North's air space in the evening.

The government of North Yemen complained to the Arab League, according to the Minister of the Interior Abdul Aziz Alharazi.

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Politics, pleasure mix in Riyadh, E. Province

By James Buchanan

JEDDAH, Feb. 16—Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and Northern Ireland arrives here Saturday afternoon at the start of a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia—the first by a British sovereign to the Kingdom.

While the visit of any constitutional monarch is largely designed for goodwill—or for “the pleasure of all sides”, as the British Ambassador, Sir John Wilton admitted this week—recent events in Iran have cast a shadow over the Queen's six-country Gulf tour which the army of organizers could not have predicted.

While the British and Commonwealth press will probably remain largely preoccupied with what the Queen will wear, her minister-in-attendance, Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen, will take the opportunity of discussing with Saudi officials major questions of regional security and Arab unity raised by the troubles in Iran.

Underlined

The foreign secretary, who last visited Saudi Arabia in May 1977, underlined the point in recent interviews with the Saudi press. The visit, he said, “is designed to reaffirm Britain's traditional friendship and interest in the continued stability and prosperity” of Saudi Arabia.

“I expect the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli question”—Britain voiced strong support for the Camp David principles—“and repercussions of recent events in Iran will be among the subjects discussed,” Dr. Owen said.

Agenda

Although there is no official agenda for Dr. Owen's visit, the ambassador told “Arab News” that the British foreign secretary is likely to hold informal talks with most senior Saudi officials including Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. Clearly also, the attendance of all senior government officials at the Royal Diwan—anywhere King Khaled happens to be—will give opportunities for lesser British officials.

The visit is also designed to give recognition to the increasing trade between Saudi Arabia and Britain, and it is no accident that the Queen will arrive in Riyadh on-board the Concorde aircraft—the pride, and the agony, of the British aerospace industry.

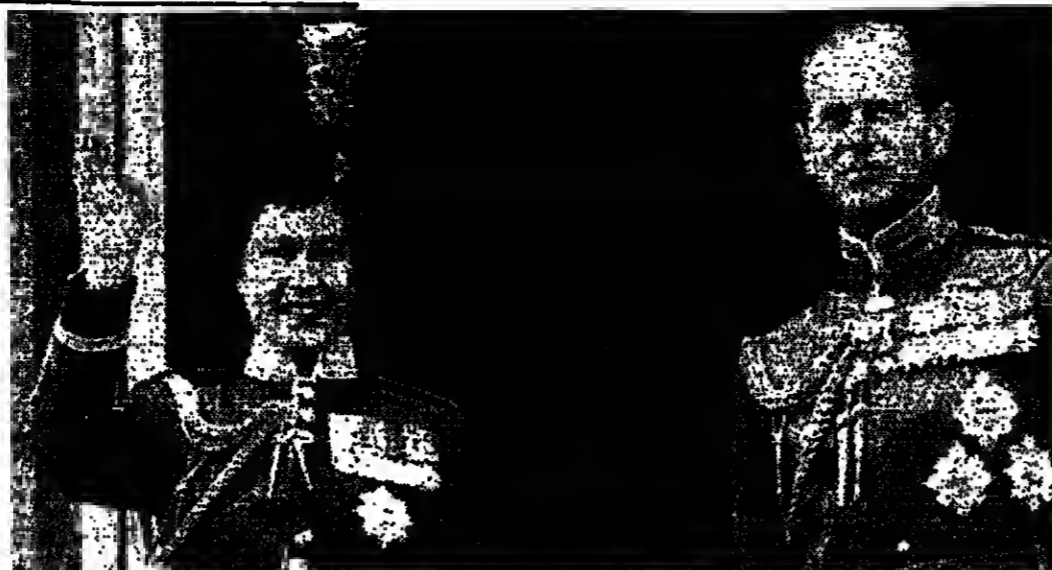
In the Saudi interviews, Dr. Owen spoke of recognition of the British contribution to Saudi development, “directed both by Saudis and over 13,000 Britons working here. Last year Saudi Arabia took 786 million pounds worth of British exports—58 million pounds up on 1977. Taken together with invisible—shipping and the large volume of British consultancy services—British sale to Saudi Arabia “must total over one billion pounds,” the ambassador said.

Party

For the British exiles, there is to be a lunch party on board the royal yacht Britannia off Dammam Monday, where British businessmen will be honored and Sir John will receive his knighthood. British schoolchildren in the Eastern Province will have a chance to see the Queen during a tour of the University of Petroleum and Minerals on Monday morning.

For the most-travelled ruler in the world, it will always be hard to distinguish pleasure and duty but the ambassador indicated that the apparent enthusiasm for the visit from the Saudi side is mirrored in the Queen's party. Sunday, she is to tour the Riyadh National Museum, have tea with the King's wife, Sita, visit the races—reflecting the interest in horse-breeding she shares with King Khaled—and attend Riyadh Governor Prince Salman's desert fantasia in the evening.

The Queen's visit



IN LONDON: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh waving to crowds at the Trooping of the Color ceremony held in London every year.

The Queen in Dammam

UPM, children and floating hospitality

By Edna Greene

DHAHRAN, Feb. 16 — A tour of the flagship of Saudi higher education, a visit to Dammam port and an honors ceremony for British officials and businessmen here are scheduled for Queen Elizabeth's stay in the Eastern Province Monday.

Monday morning, the Queen will fly to Dhahran on the same Concorde aircraft which is to bring her from Bahrain to Riyadh Saturday afternoon.

After a brief formal greet-

Visit today caps 2 years of juggling, officials say

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — The arrival Saturday of Queen Elizabeth marks the final piece in a complex jigsaw of arrangements between eight governments, British Ambassador Sir John Wilton said over the weekend.

It will complete a process that was started, presumably, during the Riyadh stopover of Prince Philip, the Queen's husband, on his return from Australia in March 1977.

While the Gulf orientation of the tour was always fixed to reflect the business representation that has replaced Britain's colonial interest, recent

ing ceremony at the airport, the queen will motor to the University of Petroleum and Minerals where she is expected to give a brief address to members of the university community.

The Queen will then take a walking tour of the University campus, which has been admired for its architecture.

During the tour she will be greeted by 700 British children who will be brought to the campus from various schools in the area at the Queen's request.

Officials are planning to provide an enclosed area on the causeway leading to the port for the use of the British community in viewing the royal motorcade when it passes at approximately 12:45 p.m. Entrance to the area will be possible with the presentation of a British or Commonwealth passport, and parking will be available.

In the early afternoon, a luncheon will be held on the yacht at which the Queen will present awards to those honored in the New Year's List. The British Ambassador Sir John Wilton will be knighted during the investiture.

Saudi royal princes and other guests will begin to arrive on the Britannia in the early evening. King Khaled is expected to board the yacht soon after to dine with the Queen and her guests — in return for the dinner he was to give for her Saturday evening in Riyadh.

A reception for 250 members of the British community is planned following King Khaled's departure.

After confession

Iraqi felon loses hand in Riyadh

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — An Iraqi man convicted of theft, had his right hand cut off Friday after mid-day prayers in Justice Square here.

Wadi Abdul Sattar al-Amari had confessed before a religious court to stealing three cars and jewellery and forging an identity card.

A statement by the Riyadh Governorate said the offender's hand was amputated at the wrist.

According to the governorate, Amari persuaded a key-maker to make a key for a Mercedes parked at Riyadh airport, saying the car was his.

Amari took the car, kept it for two months until he had an accident, then gave the car to a friend.

Amari confessed to two similar thefts of cars at Riyadh and Dhahran airports, and to breaking into a house through a bathroom window, and stealing jewellery.

Riyadh to host council session for first time

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Arab finance ministers will meet here on Feb. 26 for the 26th session of the Arab Economic Council, it was announced here Thursday.

The session — the first in the Kingdom — will also be attended by heads of Arab League agencies, directors of joint Arab companies and Arab development banks.

A number of multilateral agreements will be signed during the meetings.

The guilty verdict was passed unanimously by a High Court and the sentence was approved by royal order.

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6. Outlines of the proposals along with specifications shall accompany the bids. On acceptance, the successful bidder shall submit detailed design and drawings.
7. Floor plan of the building and other necessary details are available with the Civil Engineer of the Islamic Development Bank. The intending bidders are however advised to visit the building and make themselves acquainted with actual conditions personally.
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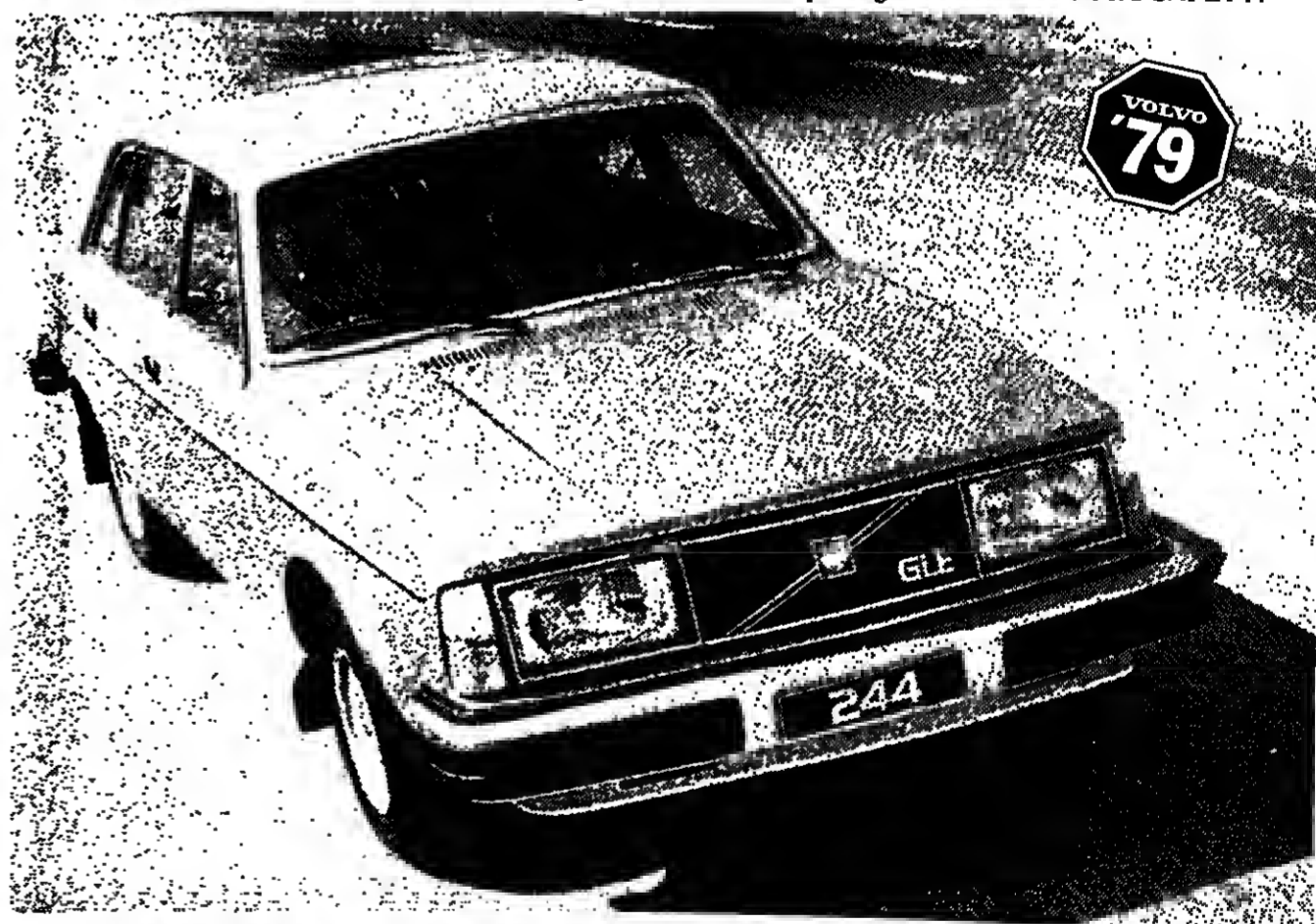
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Euro-Arab-African meet put forward by Giscard

PARIS, Feb. 16 (R) — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has proposed a massive inter-regional cooperation conference between Western Europe, Africa and the Arab world.

The president told a press conference at the Elysee Palace that he hoped to take up an invitation to visit Khartoum to discuss the plan with President Jaafar Numeiri.

E. German party leader arrives for Libya visit

LONDON, Feb. 16 (R) — East German leader Erich Honecker arrived in Tripoli Friday to begin a four-nation tour of Africa, the Libyan news agency Jana reported.

He told an airport press conference that the visit was a good opportunity to reinforce bonds of friendship and cooperation between the East German and Libyan peoples and for an exchange of views begun during a visit last summer to East Germany by the Libyan head of state, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

Honecker said their two peoples shared common ground in the struggle against all forms of racism and imperialism and the search for peace and disarmament, Jana reported.

The East German Communist Party chief is accompanied by a high-powered party and government delegation including Premier Willi Stoph.

Pro-Arab magazine goes fortnightly

SPECIAL TO ARAB NEWS
LONDON, Feb. 16 — The British-based magazine "Middle East International", first published in 1971 monthly, now comes out every two weeks.

Christopher Mayhew, chairman of publishers, said in London recently that it could claim to have been the pioneer of informed, balanced commen-

EEC Commission for the first half of this year while Sudan is presiding over the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Giscard, who said the meeting was needed to provide a new framework for relations among the countries would probably visit Khartoum in May before France's chairmanship of the EEC expires, informed sources said.

Such a meeting would enable

the participants "to strengthen their solidarity and contribute to their reciprocal development," the president said.

A key point of Giscard's foreign policy has been to develop relations with Africa, stressing the need for close ties between that continent and Europe.

Informed sources said the proposed conference would be both political and economic and was not meant to replace the stalled North-South Dialogue on international economic cooperation aimed at reducing the gap between rich and poor countries.

On the peace talks between Israel and Egypt, Giscard suggested the United Nations Security Council should take up the Middle East problem if negotiations failed to produce an overall settlement.

He expressed doubts that present talks would produce a peace treaty.

"An agreement must be acceptable to all the countries in the region, be approved by the international community, and tackle the overall problems, notably the situation of the Palestinians and how they should exercise their rights," he said.

France would rejoice if new meetings following up the Camp David negotiations produced agreement, he said, but this was unlikely.

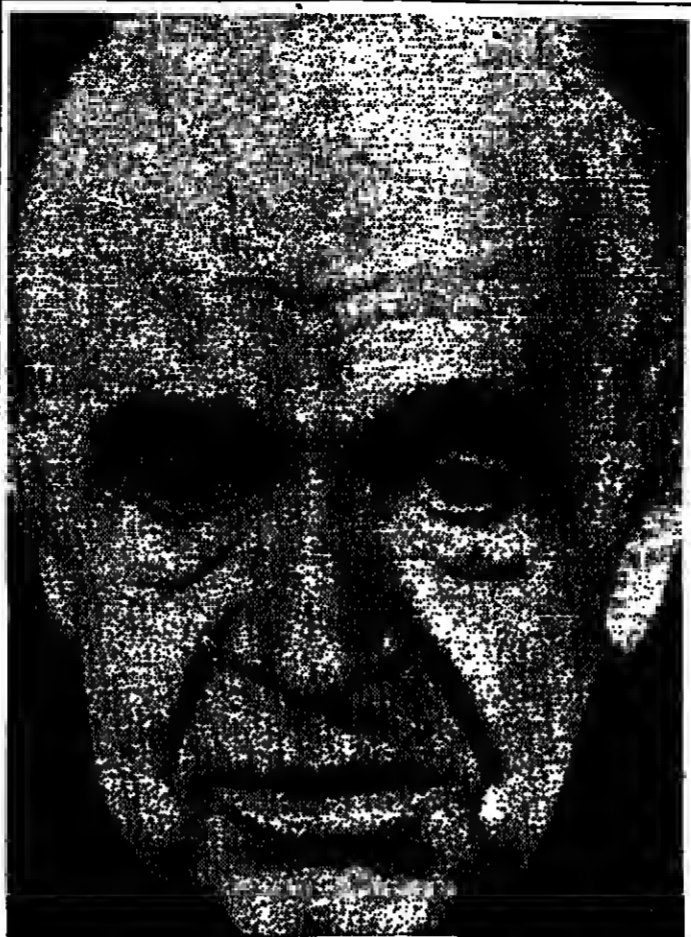
Israeli woman sergeant protests draft exemption

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (R) — A woman sergeant in the army reserve who refused to answer

a draft notice because other women were excluded on religious grounds has been arrested as a deserter.

Dina Gled, 25, was arrested at the bank where she works. She and other women reservists objected to recent amendments in Israel's military service law which excused women from orthodox Jewish families from military service.

Under army regulations, she can be held in a military prison for 60 days before being brought to trial. But army sources said her trial would be held within days.



TEHRAN: Amir Abbas Hoveyda, former Iranian prime minister, before a news conference at Ayatollah Khomeini's headquarters earlier this week. He had been brought from prison. Four former colleagues in the Shah's government, all generals, were executed Thursday night. (See story page one) (AP photo).

U.S. declares wish to reopen Iraq ties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (R) — The United States is interested in reestablishing diplomatic relations with Iraq, which were broken after the 1967 war, the State Department has said.

The Department declined comment on whether there were any contacts between the two countries going on at present.

"Our position all along is that we are prepared to resume full diplomatic relations with Iraq," the state department said in a statement.

The statement was in response to an interview by Iraqi Vice President Saddam Hussein

carried by the official Iraqi News Agency in which he said that Iraq was ready to resume relations with the United States if that were found to be in the best interest of the Arab world.

Four killed in Turkey when gunmen open fire

ANKARA, Feb. 16 (R) — Four people were killed when terrorists opened fire on a coffee-house in Turkey's southern city of Adana Thursday night, police said Friday.

Two people were seriously wounded, they said. Witnesses said two gunmen

Zia repeats pledge to hold polls in '79

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 16 (AP) — President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq Friday reiterated his pledge to hold elections in Pakistan this year.

The statement followed demands by several political parties to set definite date for the election for seats in the National Assembly and provincial legislatures of the Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan and the North West Frontier. These assemblies were disbanded in July, 1977 when the military overthrew Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Bhutto is now in jail awaiting a decision on his petition against a death sentence on charges of ordering a political murder four years ago.

Zia said at Lahore, "I still intend to hold the elections this year."

"There has been no change in it so far, but I cannot say anything about the future. Elections are necessary, and so are other things," he added.

He said his government will do what it considers necessary and in the best interest of the country. "If we think that elections are necessary in March, we will hold them accordingly. If we consider a delay necessary for six months, we will do the same."

Zia promised last Aug. 23 to have elections by October 1979.

Zia said "whereas the elec-

tions give the people a government, they also shatter the entire setup. The prerequisite for elections is thus a strong base to sustain the shocks. We are trying to create that base."

Although Zia did not mention it, some political uncertainty is created by the possible execution of Bhutto.

The government claims it has everything under control after the arrest of several bungled pro-Bhutto activists in the last few weeks, but members of Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party say the hanging would spark considerable unrest.

Among those concerned about Bhutto's fate is Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, former United Nations high commissioner for refugees, who appealed Thursday for mercy.



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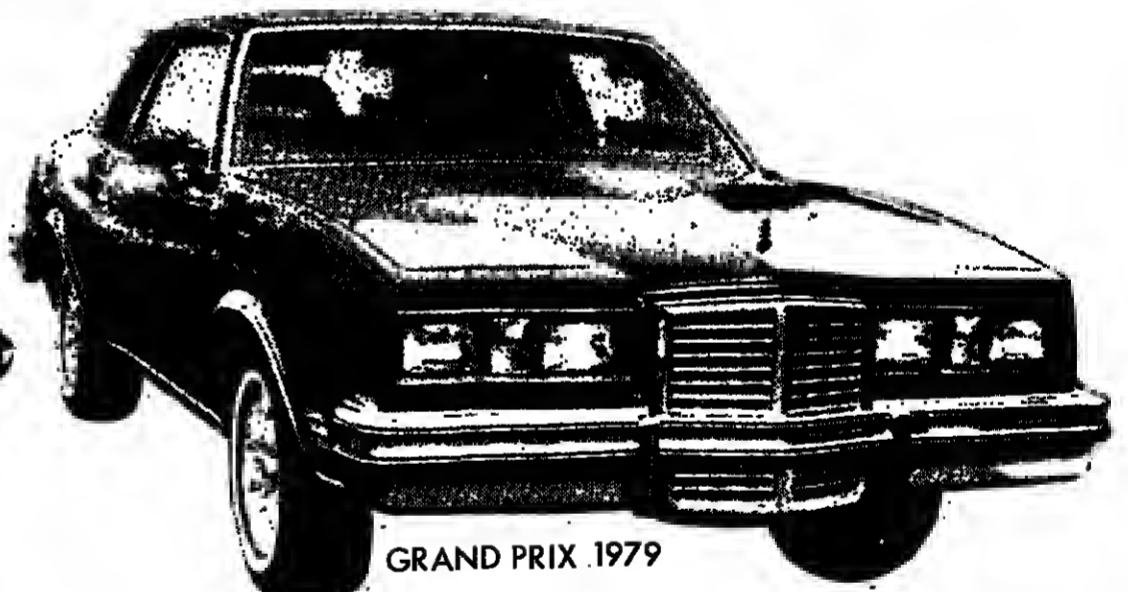
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But difficulties apparent**Carter claims progress in Mexico**

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16 (R) — President Carter told Mexicans Friday there were no easy solutions to their differences with the United States but said he and President Jose Lopez Portillo had made progress in three days of talks.

Carter assured them he was committed to a U.S.-Mexican relationship based on full cooperation, understanding and mutual respect — a theme that Lopez Portillo struck in remarks highly critical of the United States two days ago.

The Mexican president said in a controversial toast at a state luncheon for Carter on Wednesday that the United States looked with disdain and fear at Mexico because of its new oil power.

Carter reiterated Friday, in a speech to the Mexican Congress, that the United States had no intention of trying to influence Mexico's decisions on developing its vast oil reserves.

Though deeply concerned over the turmoil in Iran and the vulnerability of Middle East

oil supplies, he said the United States respected Mexico's right to produce and use oil as it saw fit.

He indicated that solutions were far in the future for the problems of Mexico's oil and natural gas and the illegal flow of Mexicans north across the border into the United States in search of jobs.

The only agreements he an-

nounced were minor accords, signed Thursday, on cooperation in housing and arid land crop development.

After pledging that the United States would not interfere, he said his country was prepared to pay a fair and just price for supplies of oil and natural gas that Mexico wanted to sell.

Carter's text did not report

any agreement on an especially vexing problem — his administration's veto on the purchase of natural gas by the United States.

Mexicans were enraged when the Carter administration stopped a deal between the Mexican oil company, Pemex, and six American companies in 1977 on the grounds that the price was too high.

Indian minister's Peking visit concentrates on border dispute

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Indian External Affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee says India and China recognized that the settlement of their boundary dispute was "important" and that "serious efforts must be made," Peking's Hsinhua news agency reported.

Vajpayee made the statement at a banquet he hosted in Peking Thursday. Hsinhua

said in a dispatch from the Chinese capital. Friday he left for Shanghai.

Hsinhua did not report any statements by Chinese officials on the border dispute. Earlier, however, it reported that Vajpayee and Foreign Minister Huang Hua had had a "frank" discussion, which is the Chinese way of saying they disagreed on some matters.

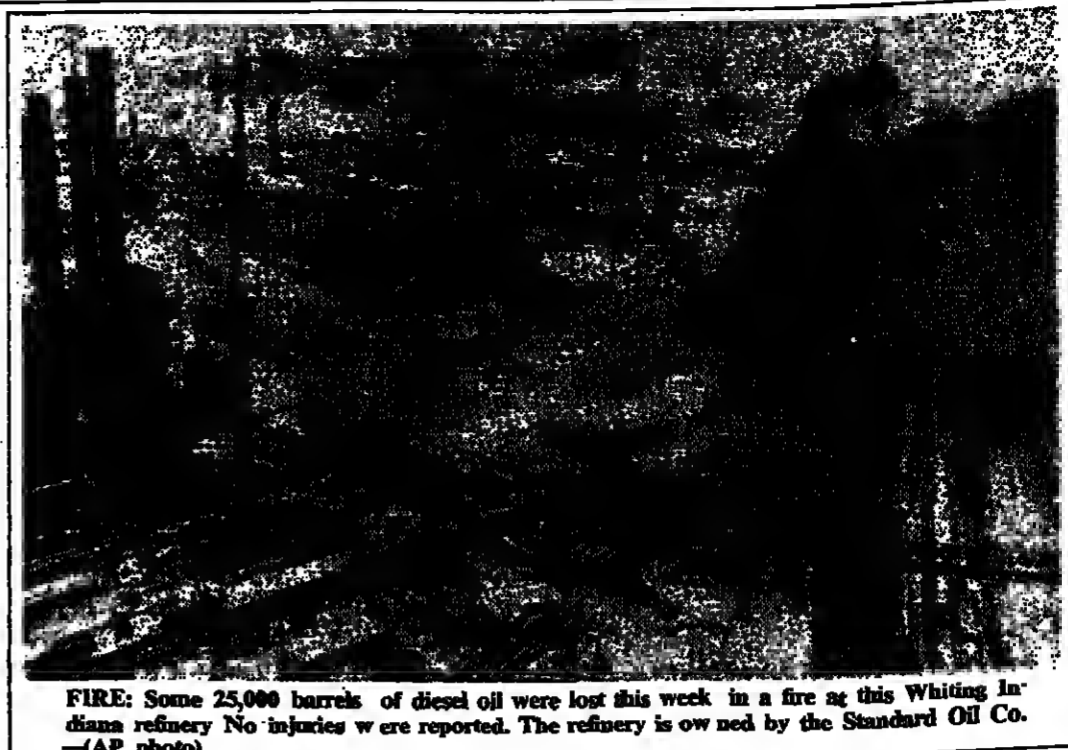
Referring to the boundary dispute, which triggered the 1962 Sino-Indian border war, Vajpayee said, "on the boundary question our discussions were necessarily exploratory."

"Both recognized that the resolution of this question is important to our relations and that serious efforts must be made and this should be done sooner rather than later," Vajpayee was quoted as saying. He said "the depth of his

conversation with the Chinese side here was extensive. They covered in detail and with utmost frankness the vast ground of international problems, regional questions ... with due respect to each other's viewpoints, we recognized that our relations can and should improve."

Vajpayee arrived in Peking Monday for an official eight-day visit and met Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ting, Huang Hua and other Chinese officials.

Hsinhua quoted Huang as saying in his banquet speech that "our two sides also exchanged views extensively on ways to increase contacts and cooperation in the trade, cultural, scientific and technological and other fields."



FIRE: Some 25,000 barrels of diesel oil were lost this week in a fire at this Whiting Indiana refinery. No injuries were reported. The refinery is owned by the Standard Oil Co. —(AP photo)

Military commander warns**Rhodesia will pursue guerrillas**

SALISBURY, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Gen. Peter Walls, Rhodesia's military chief, declared Thursday night his troops will operate inside and outside the country to prevent Patriotic Front guerrillas from disrupting the April 15 election for majority rule here.

In a radio and television interview, the combined operations commander promised the guerrillas a tragedy if they

tried to interfere with voting. "We will continue to operate internally and externally to make sure we create the right

atmosphere for people to be able to vote," the general said.

Referring to recent Patriotic Front pledges to turn the elections into a "holocaust," he said: "Sure, there will be, if they try to interfere with these elections. The people of this country and the security forces are going to create some sort of tragedy for the Patriotic Front. That's for sure."

"Far too much has happened already. There are too many dead, maimed and injured Rhodesians for anything like this to spur us on," Walls said.

He added: "I would like to suggest that the public can look to the security forces to take whatever action is necessary at the right time, at the right place and in the right way. We have a proven record of doing just this."

In reply to a question, the general said Rhodesia's security forces could, if they wanted, destroy in the air or on the ground civilian aircraft flying guerrilla recruits for training in neighboring states.

Warsaw explosion toll rises to 41

WARSAW, Feb. 16 (R) — The toll from a mystery explosion which wrecked a capital Warsaw savings bank Thursday has risen to 41 dead and 110 injured, the Polish news agency PAP reported Friday.

Seventy-seven people were still in hospitals the agency said. The toll given by PAP Thursday night was 32 dead and 78 injured.

Eye-witnesses estimated about 400 people were in the circular, two-storey glass and steel building at the time of the blast just after midday.

Nearby buildings were damaged in the explosion, which has not been officially explained.

The Warsaw newspaper "Zycie Warszawy" reported Friday that more than a thousand people had donated blood in response to public appeals.

An investigating commission led by Warsaw Mayor Jerzy Majewski went to work in an effort to find out what caused the explosion, the worst in Poland since World War II.

The bank building collapsed.

With mercenary invasion**Conspiracy against Mobutu reported**

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16 (R) — Belgium's decision to send 250 paratroops to Zaire was partly based on discovery of a plot to overthrow President Mobutu Sese Seko, well informed Belgian government sources said Friday.

They said that the Belgian government learned at the end of January of a plan to attack the country by Zairean opposition groups based in Europe.

They planned a pincer movement from the east and from lower Zaire, the sources said.

The paratroops — the last are due to go on Monday — are officially helping to train Zaire forces under an agreement between the two countries signed last year.

The sources said the information came at the same time as messages speaking of growing misery and economic collapse in Zaire.

The Belgian government also heard about the recruitment of Belgian mercenaries for the plot but did not intervene while tried to find out

in detail who was behind it. Zaire said Thursday that a force of mercenaries, including Belgians, had gathered in neighboring Rwanda ready to attack the eastern Zaire province of Kivu.

Diplomats in Kinshasa, the capital, said Zairean paratroops last week patrolled streets in Bukavu and Goma — two key towns in Kivu province — and set up road blocks.

The sources in Brussels said about 15 Belgian mercenaries left here last Saturday carrying cameras and apparently posing as businessmen intending to survey Rwanda for tourism.

The sources said Belgium was still concerned about the effect on Europeans of possible unrest caused by the deteriorating economic situation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Researchers at the University of Chicago and Mayo Clinic say they have found a high correlation between cigarette smoking and pancreatic cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States.

If the studies are confirmed, it will mean pancreatic cancer is the second most frequent cancer of cigarette smokers, Dr. A.R. Mossa, director of surgical research at the university, said Friday.

"If you are a heavy smoker, chances are you will die of long cancer — that's your first risk," Mossa said. The University of Chicago is one of the nation's leading centers for pancreatic cancer.

"If not, you are a big risk for pancreatic cancer." Researchers have also found that patients with diabetes have a tendency toward pancreatic cancer, which will probably claim the lives of about 22,000 Americans this year.

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Early Italian election seen imminent as crisis persists

ROME, Feb. 16 (R) — Italy's general elections looked most likely to be held in the next few days following consultations between political parties.

But Berlinguer turned the tables on the veteran premier with his own proposal — for a government excluding Andreotti's party.

The communist leader said that the Christian Democrats had the choice of either softening their attitude towards the Communists or allowing other parties to form a coalition government which they could support in parliament.

He suggested a figure from one of the minor parties could try to form a multi-party coalition.

He said Andreotti's proposals, which he did not disclose would not resolve the crisis.

The Christian Democrats have ruled Italy for over 30 years, but lacking a majority have been forced to rely on a variety of coalitions or working agreements to stay in power.

The Socialist Christian Democratic spokesman Thursday described the communist proposals as "tough and provocative."

He said Berlinguer was effectively inviting elections, which all the major parties have said they want to avoid.

Andreotti, caretaker premier since Communist withdrawal of support forced his government to resign on Jan. 31, Thursday night also talked with Socialist leader Bettino Craxi.

Craxi said Andreotti's proposals contained useful elements towards an agreement.



Giulio Andreotti



Enrico Berlinguer

Mrs. Gandhi wins bail in south India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (R) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has been granted bail after she pleaded not guilty in south India to a charge of giving a false address last June in an attempt to register as a voter there.

Mrs. Gandhi was released Thursday on a personal bond of 5,000 rupees (\$625) and exempted from appearing in future hearings in a magistrate's court at Doddaballapur Karnataka state.

The former premier lost her seat in parliament after she was expelled by the lower house (Lok Sabha) and jailed for a week last December.

Mrs. Gandhi was said to be planning to contest a seat in the upper house (Rajya Sabha) from Karnataka state, ruled by her Congress Party and it was necessary that she be a resident of the state. But later she fought and won a by-election about 100 miles (175 kms) from Doddaballapur.

French youth slays parents, manages house

EPINAL, France Feb. 16 (AP) — A 17-year-old boy shot his parents and a young brother two weeks ago, then forced his two young sisters to carry on as usual until the crime was discovered in this eastern French town Thursday, police said.

They said the youth, who had quarrelled repeatedly with his alcoholic father, shot his four-year-old brother and hid him in the chicken run behind the family's modest house and hid the body.

Police said it appeared that for an unknown reason, the child was not missed. The youth, who as a juvenile could not be identified, shot his father and mother the following day. He forced a seven-year-old sister to help put the little boy's body in bed with the dead parents.

Third-time-lucky heart man home for Valentine's

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16 (AP) — Dr. Jerry Young, the only person in history to have three heart transplants, came home on Valentine's Day, with a heart pinned to his sweater and his sense of humor intact.

Young, a 43-year-old Cherry Hill, New Jersey pediatrician, underwent his first heart transplant at Stanford University in May 1976, seven months after suffering a massive heart attack. His body began to reject the heart in the summer of 1977 and his health declined. The second was ineffective. The third has given him a new lease on life.

Naples 'mystery disease' declared epidemic

ROME, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The Italian military was called in Thursday to help clean up Naples, while an international medical team reported that the so-called "mystery disease" killing babies in the city had reached epidemic proportions.

The doctors unraveling the mystery described the ailment as an influenza-type virus that has hit elsewhere in Europe and the United States in recent years.

"Every year it is tracked to Washington, D.C. and Seattle," Dr. Stephen Suffin, a virologist with the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, said.

The findings of the seven specialists from the United States, Britain, France and Yugoslavia were announced at a news conference at the health ministry after the team toured hospitals and laboratories in Naples.

At least 64 babies have died in Naples since the ailment was first detected a year ago. The medical team said most of the deaths were caused by a combination of the virus with other strains and said no vaccine has been developed for them.

Dr. Suffin said the virus, which strikes hardest at youngsters aged 4 to 6 months, was first detected in the United States in 1956.

Officials in Naples announced that soldiers and military equipment and vehicles will be used to help disinfect streets, schools, public buildings and nurseries in the city of 2.8 million persons, known for its unsanitary living conditions and outbreaks of illness. Military doctors will also assist local pediatricians.

Dr. Augusto Giovanardi, chief of the Italian commission studying the outbreak, said the malady was not new in Italy or elsewhere and was an epidemic of an acute respiratory virus that reaches its peak in the winter.

He said the findings cover the period dating to last December, but that no firm conclusions were reached for the deaths dating earlier in 1978, mainly for lack of data.

Doctors have described the symptoms as breathing difficulties, high fever, vomiting, a coma. Death comes within two or three days from suffocation.

Dr. Suffin said the death rate in Naples from the virus appeared to be about the same as in the United States, although U.S. statistics do not include a specific category for this virus.

The international team's formal report has not yet been released, but doctors said it will contain short and long-term proposals for dealing with the outbreak such as earlier diagnosis, quicker admission to hospitals and use of oxygen tents for stricken youngsters.

Most of the victims have come from Naples' crowded slums or from Ercolano, a poor suburb at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. One doctor said, "There's not a child under 2 not affected by a virus like this."

The experts expect the outbreak to pass when warmer weather sets in. No babies with the symptoms have been admitted in the past four days to the intensive-care ward of Naples' Sanobacco Hospital.

Dr. Marguerite Pereira, head of the London Infectious Diseases Center said, "You get this kind of outbreak all over Europe every winter. The virus spreads extremely quickly in overcrowded conditions. But as soon as the weather becomes milder, when doors and windows are opened, the situation will improve right away."

"The deaths there (the Santobacco clinic) happen because these children are coming in awfully late, when the body's natural defenses are already exhausted. Once they reach the stage of coma, there is very little that can be done," said Dr. Pereira.

On Sino-Vietnam border

Vietnam accused of killing 14 Chinese

PEKING, Feb. 16 (R) — China Friday accused Vietnam of killing 14 Chinese and wounding 20 in incidents on the Sino-Vietnamese border between Feb. 8 and last Monday, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.

A strong protest lodged with the Vietnamese embassy in Peking Friday also said Vietnamese personnel had launched two attacks on trains using the narrow-gauge line from the border town of Hekou to Kunming in southern Yunnan province, NCNA reported.

"The trains were hit by many bullets and were seriously damaged," the agency said. "Chinese railway transport in this section was thus suspended and the people's economic life and the safety of passengers were gravely threatened."

The protest note said armed Vietnamese personnel had encroached on Chinese territory nearly 30 times from Feb. 8 to 12 in Yunnan and neighboring Kwangsi autonomous region.

It said 10 Chinese had been killed and 18 wounded by mines laid by the Vietnamese inside China, and four killed and two wounded by gunfire.

China lodged "the strongest protest with the Vietnamese government against its barbarous atrocities of repeatedly dispatching armed personnel to encroach upon Chinese territory, kill Chinese personnel and raid Chinese trains," NCNA said.

Meanwhile at the United Nations, a call by Peking backed Pao Pao government of Cambodia for another urgent Security Council meeting on its charges of Vietnamese "aggression" met a cool response Thursday night.

After day-long consultations, Council members decided to take no immediate action. They were due to convene again Friday.

Diplomatic sources said that the Cambodian chief delegate, Thionko Prasith, produced no evidence of new developments to justify a further meeting of the Council.

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U.S. ANXIETY!

It is beginning to look like the turmoil in Iraq, for all its potential dangers, may have a salutary effect on at least one area of concern to the peoples of the Middle East: The search for a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace. Judging from the recent visit to Saudi Arabia of U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown, the United States is anxious to strengthen its political, economic and military ties with the kingdom to offset the apparent loss of Iran as a strategic ally. One way for the Carter administration to bolster the U.S.-Saudi relationship would be to pay closer attention to the general Arab viewpoint on the Middle East peace process—a viewpoint to which Saudi Arabia is totally committed. It would make sense at this stage for U.S. leaders to listen closely to what the kingdom has to say on such crucial issues as Palestinian self-determination and the recovery of Arab East Jerusalem. Indications from Washington are that the administration is beginning to realize this, and may eventually shift its public stance on the Middle East peace process in a direction more compatible with legitimate Arab aspirations.

The Israelis are already expressing concern about such a shift. They have made their fears known to Secretary Brown during his visit to Israel, and have tried to convince him that the United States should rely on Israel rather than the Arabs to maintain "stability" in the region. But as some observers have pointed out, Israel doesn't have the oil the Arabs do. And energy concerns are weighing heavily on the Carter administration in the wake of the Iranian cutoff. The stark realities of today's world necessitate an American commitment towards friendship and cooperation with the Arab states. Certainly U.S. policymakers must realize that a comprehensive peace agreement involving the return of Arab lands and the recognition of Palestinian rights would go far towards stabilizing the Middle East and providing long-term access to oil for the countries of the West.

The next step, therefore, on the part of the Carter administration, should be the drafting of a formula for substantive official contacts between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Until the internationally recognized representatives of the Palestinian people are brought into the peace-making process, there will be no possibility of a solution. America's U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young seems to recognize this, and perhaps other key U.S. officials are thinking it privately.

The growing momentum towards a U.S.-PLO relationship may have been the reason behind Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's recent surprising remarks on the PLO's potential role in the peace process. To be sure, Prime Minister Begin repudiated Dayan's statement in too uncertain terms, but the foreign minister's comments indicate that at least some elements of the Israeli leadership are beginning to recognize the inevitability of PLO involvement in the negotiating process.

It is also worth noting that the new Iranian government's staunch advocacy of Palestinian rights may also serve to prod American officials toward recognition of the PLO. It would not be surprising to see the Bazargan government link future oil supplies to the United States with a more positive American attitude toward the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

INHERENT DANGERS

The brief takeover of the American embassy in Tehran by leftist guerrillas has pointed up the dangers inherent in any revolution, and has given Ayatollah Khomeini good reason to begin building relations with the West and with the moderate states of the Gulf region. Saudi leaders long ago warned that pro-Soviet leftists in Iran would seek to take advantage of the ongoing turmoil in the country. Iranian Communists and other leftists threw in their lot with the far more numerous Khomeini forces for pure tactical reasons. They saw an opportunity to capitalize on popular sentiment and force the Shah into exile. But now that the Shah and his government are gone, and the Ayatollah has returned to the country, the Iranian leftists are showing their true colors, by defying the Bazargan government refusing to lay down their arms, and promoting a continuation of the chaos that has plagued Iran for so many months. The Communists' clear intention is to undermine the new provisional government and pave the way for their own rise to power, through civil war if necessary. At last, the Soviet Union is playing its card, using the Iranian left in an attempt to swing a troubled and strife-weary country.

Ayatollah Khomeini and his provisional government certainly realize what is happening by now. The attack on the U.S. embassy made the situation painfully clear. Prime Minister Bazargan is to be commended for moving quickly to defuse the embassy incident before it was transformed into a tragedy. Now Mr. Bazargan and his government must take action to disarm the leftists and neutralize their threat to the country's stability. Fortunately, the followers of the Ayatollah far outnumber the Marxists.

The Iranian left is admittedly well organized, but Ayatollah Khomeini's true supporters are also well coordinated, and should be able to move effectively against their former "allies". The important point is that Mr. Bazargan must not hesitate or delay in imposing order throughout Iran. He must deal with the leftist threat quickly, before the Marxists succeed in undermining the authority of the new government and plunging the country into civil war.

One of the more compelling ironies of recent days has been the growing coordination and cooperation between the Ayatollah's government and the United States. Because of coinciding interests—neither wants to see the emergence of a Communist government in Iran—the frictions caused by America's past support for the Shah have apparently given way to the prospect of a new relationship based upon mutual respect.



Tough talks in Ankara

By Emel Anli

ANKARA — The United States is engaged in tough negotiations on a new defense agreement with Turkey, a NATO member whose political and strategic value has increased for the Western powers following the Iranian crisis.

The talks, which began a month ago, continue amid continuing political violence and a debilitating economic crisis in Turkey. Most observers agree that the fall of the pro-U.S. government in Iran has enhanced Turkey's overall value in terms of U.S. and Western interests in the area.

Turkey already has made clear that it will resist any move to relocate U.S. military installations from Iran to Turkey. Premier Bulent Ecevit recently rejected the idea as "out of question."

Observers see other reasons for America's "renewed interest" in Turkey.

"There is the psychological factor. With Iran, events detrimental to U.S. interests in the region have reached the door of a NATO ally," says a diplomatic source.

Turkey itself is in deep trouble. This nation of 42 million is on the brink of bankruptcy with over \$15 billion in foreign debt. Ordinary Turks are frustrated with inflation of 60 per cent a year and widespread political violence which continues to claim several lives daily despite the imposition of martial law in 13 of 67 provinces.

Turkey's economic difficulties are likely to shape the nature of negotiations on a new defense pact, sources say. A previous treaty was abrogated by Turkey when the U.S. Congress imposed an

arms embargo on the country because of its invasion of Cyprus in 1974. U.S. President Jimmy Carter's administration pushed through Congress a repeal of the arms ban last August. Turkey, in turn, promptly reopened key U.S. intelligence outposts.

At that time American officials appeared confident that a new defense pact would be basically technical, determining a permanent status for U.S. military installations on Turkish soil.

Turkish officials have reacted differently. Ecevit has said many times that "defense questions are inseparable from economic matters."

Informed sources say Turkey is demanding a new economic aid package including pledges to help develop a national defense industry and substantial defense assistance.

Turkey is seeking a firm commitment by the United States that Turkey's needs for weapons and military equipment will be met at least for the next five years through military credits grant aid or transfer of surplus equipment.

The talks have not tackled the assistance question yet, according to the sources. Americans fear there may be a wide gap between Turkish demands and American willingness.

The Congress is known to balk at long-term financial commitments.

It's apparent that Turks are not satisfied with \$300 million earmarked for Turkey in U.S. military credits for the coming fiscal year. "In view of Turkey's economic problems, the aid package should have included some grant aid, too," one official said.

Despite the general improvement in relations since the repeal of the arms ban, the

Turks have not forgotten the sting of the embargo. They fear that Greece and its lobby in Washington might block any aid deal.

"Greek arguments for a balance in the Aegean Sea should not influence the American attitude. There cannot be such a balance because Greece and Turkey are different in size and the role they play in NATO," one official source said.

After the repeal of the embargo Turkey reopened four U.S. installations out of the 26 which were closed.

The two most important are the radar site in Diyarbakir, in southeastern Turkey, which keeps track of Soviet missiles and satellites, and a sensitive listening post near Sincop, on the Black Sea coast, which spies on Soviet military communications, air and naval activity.

The others, a navigational base north of the Marmara Sea and a seismological station near this capital city, are to be turned over to Turkey in the future.

Whatever the outcome of the current negotiations, Turkish and American officials agree that certain elements were irrevocably lost in the bilateral relationship through the years.

Hurt over the Cyprus affair, Turkey began to adopt a more independent course from the mid-1970s. It sought improved relations with the Soviet Union and other neighbors and countries of the region.

As a result, Turkey no longer grants to the United States access to its airbases for rushing supplies to Israel, as in the case of the Yom Kippur war, or transit of American military, as in the case of a Marine detachment headed for Iraq recently. — (AP)

A complex energy agenda

By Ann Pollman

WASHINGTON — A major reason for the success of the Carter administration's energy bill has been its supply of political goodies, such as tax credits for insulation, that lured Congress.

But the agenda for the 96th Congress looks bleak for goodie hunters.

The legislators will be tackling complex issues that are unlikely to be resolved in the next year or two. They include the problem of safely storing radioactive nuclear waste, the tangled U.S. oil pricing system and the role of the government in developing new sources of energy.

Those energy questions are so politically unpopular and difficult that President Carter mentioned energy only once in his State of the Union message, not even giving it a full sentence. He called on the nation to "conserve energy, increase production and speed development of solar power."

His statement was a marked contrast to last year when the president proclaimed, "Never again should we neglect a growing crisis like the shortage of energy, where further delay will only lead to more hazy and painful solutions."

And the change prompted Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, to ask critically, "Has energy suddenly become a stepchild?"

The change in tone is an indication that the hoopla and hysteria that followed the energy bill on its long journey are not likely to be repeated this year.

The administration, which once planned a full-blown "phase II" energy plan, instead plans to offer Congress in April a low-key policy statement — and that only because it's required by law, according to one administration source.

The plan was expected to call for increased government spending to speed expensive new energy technologies, such as burning coal to oil or gas, which would increase supplies. But the ambitious plans of the Department of Energy were trimmed by the president's budget cutters.

Another factor in downplaying the second plan was the feeling of presidential advisers that getting another broadly drawn energy bill through Congress would require too much of its political capital. Instead, the administration will direct its attention to several separate energy measures.

Perhaps the most controversial of these is a key issue Congress left out of the 1978 National Energy Act — oil pricing. But the administration has still not decided how Carter will use the broad powers for pricing oil that he will inherit June 1.

Though Carter has persistently pushed for higher prices to encourage production and discourage consumption, efforts to control inflation, price controls now keep about a third of U.S.-produced oil at below \$6 a barrel, while oil from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) sells for about \$14 a barrel.

"There is a dilemma here," Schlesinger told the Senate Energy Committee. Since the end of last fall, he said, the oil pricing situation has been affected by the OPEC increase of 14.5 per cent, the cut-off of Iranian production and the rising concern about inflation. "Decontrol [of oil prices] would add .7 to .8 percentage points to the inflation rate," Schlesinger said.

The Energy Department's recommendations to phase out controls on oil prices are opposed by presidential advisers, worried about inflation.

Carter, at a Jan. 17 press conference, called oil pricing "a difficult decision," but said "those decisions have not yet been made."

Other issues already pending, such as nuclear waste, also will require Congress' attention.

The nuclear industry is hampered by public doubt about whether U.S. institutions and technology can deal with toxic wastes created in making nuclear weapons and nuclear energy. The government has repeatedly missed its deadlines for coming up with a site for disposing of the wastes, and as a result none is in operation.

"We are not going to have nuclear power if people are not sure the nuclear system and all its components are reasonably safe," said Interior Chairman Morris K. Udall, Democrat of Arizona, at recent hearings he held on the waste problem.

The Carter administration has made waste disposal one of its top priorities. A special interagency task force has been convened to study the problem, and the new budget would substantially increase spending for nuclear waste disposal.

A number of congressmen want to give states a larger

role in deciding where the wastes will go. Worry about becoming "dumping grounds" for the nation has prompted many to support giving a state the right to veto any waste site within its borders.

The administration, while agreeing to seek a state's "consent," opposes giving states the right of veto.

Another issue before Congress will be the larger role in providing energy supplies the government has taken since the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo. Most of the attention has focused on handling emergencies, such as natural gas shortages. But the government also is involved in developing new sources of energy in anticipation of the time when demand exceeds the supply from traditional sources.

The cutoff in production by Iran, once the world's second-ranking oil exporter, has focused new attention on the ability of the United States to cope with shortages.

The administration is scheduled to send Congress a long overdue gasoline rationing plan in the next couple of months. Its arrival is likely to stir debate again about the role of mandatory rationing in conserving energy.

Congress also is expected to question the administration sharply about its handling of another aspect of emergency preparedness — the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The reserve, established by Congress in 1975, consists of oil stored in underground salt caverns, but the \$25 billion program is more than a year behind schedule. Even the pumps to extract the oil aren't in place. Schlesinger has admitted the program has suffered from "bad management."

In addition to providing for emergencies, the Carter administration also believes the government should push development of new and alternative sources. A 17.5 per cent increase in spending for solar energy, for example, has been proposed by the administration.

But the way the money is distributed will draw a great deal of congressional attention. Some critics have warned that spending for energy is becoming a new type of special favor that draws a representative's support when it sends federal dollars back to his district. A major skirmish is expected, for example, between West Virginia and Kentucky over where the government will build a \$700 million plant to demonstrate conversion of coal to liquids or solids. — (Congressional Quarterly)

Camp David again

By Gavin Bell

CAIRO — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is due to plant an olive tree in the Sinai Desert this week on the eve of a renewed effort to break the deadlock in Middle East peace talks.

The ceremony will reaffirm President Sadat's commitment to a new era of peace, but there appears little prospect of it being followed by a breakthrough at the Egyptian-Israeli ministerial conference scheduled to begin at Camp David on Wednesday.

The Egyptian delegation led by Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil is evidently pinning its hopes on the U.S. persuading Israel to be more flexible on the key issue of Palestinian self-rule in occupied Arab territories.

Cairo has made it clear it will not sign any peace treaty without written guarantees that Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza will be granted full autonomy within a fixed time period — a condition which Israel has rejected.

In a parliamentary speech earlier this month, Khalil said again that "Egypt is determined that any peace treaty with Israel must be linked to the

establishment of Palestinian self-rule in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip."

The dispute has since resurfaced with reports of a hardening of the Israeli position and Egyptian charges that the Jewish state was reneging on pledges it made during the Camp David summit last September.

Israel radio reported on Feb. 9 that an Israeli government committee had recommended retaining military control of the two regions and imposing strict limits on Palestinian self-rule.

Egyptian acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali responded by saying any such proposal would be contrary to the Camp David accords and would be completely rejected by Cairo.

The framework for peace agreed on by President Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin last September provides for full autonomy for West Bank and Gaza residents and an eventual withdrawal of the Israeli military government.

Ghali also sent a letter to the United Nations Human Rights Commission accusing Israel of "desperately trying

to get rid of its commitments made during the last summit, and condemning the continued building of Jewish settlements in occupied territories."

The minister said: "Egypt takes a serious view of these practices and the motives behind them, and considers that they have a serious impact and constitute a major burden on the march to peace."

Apart from the Palestinian issue, the negotiating teams of this week's talks also face thorny disputes over future security arrangements in Sinai and whether any peace treaty should take precedence over Egypt's existing defense pact with other Arab countries.

In the absence of any evident willingness on either side to compromise, officials here are clearly hoping President Carter can persuade Israel to adhere to what Egypt regards as the spirit and the letter of the Camp David summit accords.

A senior Egyptian government source said: "We are optimistic the U.S. will give us the help we need in dealing with Israel." — (R)

saudi press review

Commenting on the oil market, "Al-Medina" said that OPEC has been trying all along to maintain a uniform price for its products simply to avoid speculation every time there is a crisis — either a shortfall or a glut. But the oil companies have been taking unfair advantage of shortfall situations as they are doing at present on account of the Iranian suspension of exports. These companies which belong to the richer states have been flouting OPEC's price guidelines for their own aggrandizement. This explains UAE's oil minister's anxiety regarding the oil companies' exploitation of the present conditions by reselling oil at a premium much higher than the OPEC prices. Strangely enough, the big industrialized states created a huge row when OPEC raised its prices by a small percentage last year, but

would not say a word now when their own oil companies are guilty of real misconduct. Can anyone explain this silence? Should OPEC do something once more to protect the interests of all states, rich and poor, against the depredations of the oil companies?

Israel's Prime Minister Begin rebuked his foreign minister Dayan for talking about the need to take the Palestine Liberation Organization into consideration in any future settlement of the Middle East question. This shows, according to "Okaz" editorial, that Begin and the Israelis in general have no intention whatsoever to withdraw from the occupied Arab lands because they need to fill them with Jewish immigrants.

The paper said that the Israelis will never learn the lessons of history and will not realize

that determination and tenacity will finally triumph and that the PLO does not hanker after Israeli recognition because it has already earned international acclaim. The U.N. and the United States, in particular, should take decisive action to prevent further tension in the region which is bound to occur because of Israeli actions.

"Al-Bilad" supported the holding of an Islamic conference to discuss the conditions of Muslim minorities in South East Asia which, it said, is being advocated by the World Islamic League. These minorities are suffering under Communist rule which seeks to displace them or to force them to abandon their faith.

The paper appealed to Muslim states and nations to stand by these minorities in every way possible in order to spare

them further misery. A leading commentator suggested in "Al-Bilad" that it may be a good idea for the Arabs and Muslims in general to buy some or all of the shares of the "Times" of London which has suspended publication for the past few months. The writer said the Arabs need a good international forum to counter the evil propaganda of the Israelis. It should serve a

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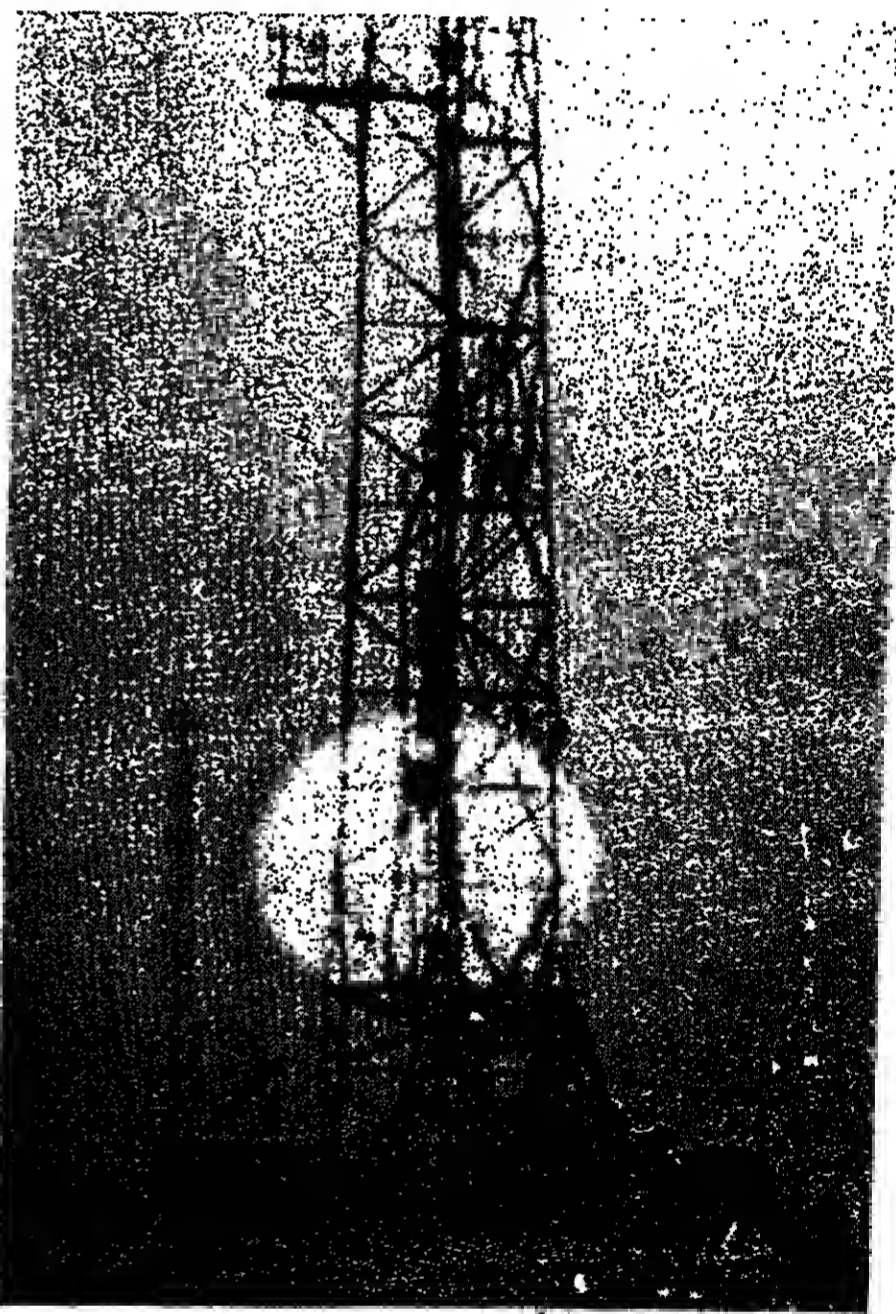
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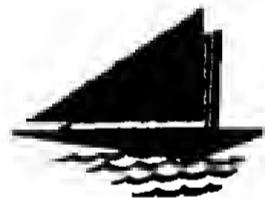


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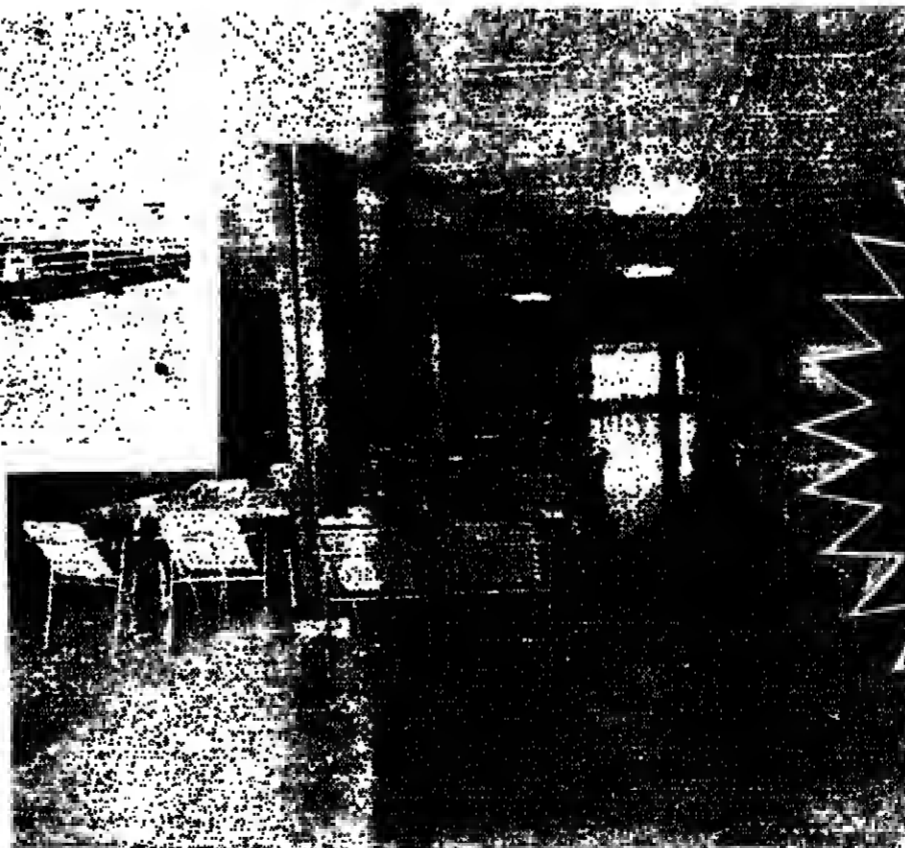
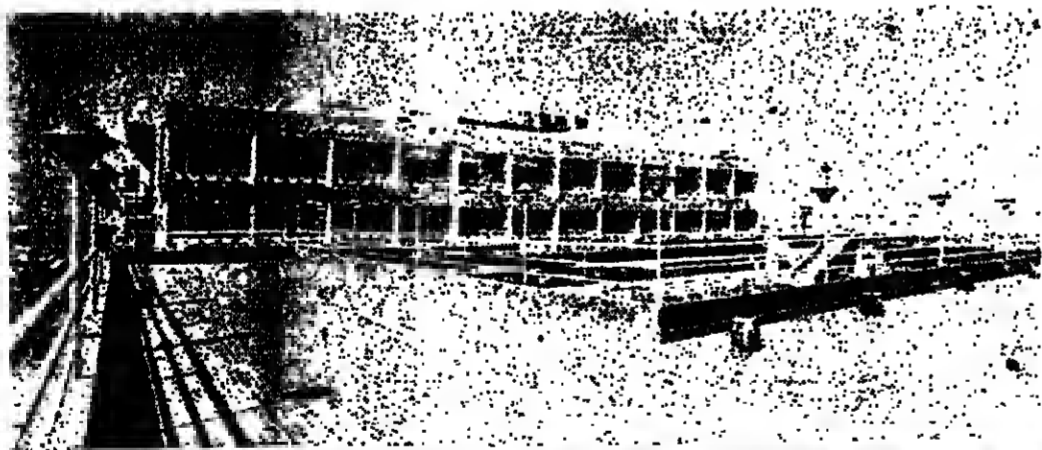
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BOOKSHELF

"Arab Painting," by Richard Ettinghausen.
MacMillan: London, 1977. Price 9 pounds sterling.

By F. W. Rawling

JEDDAH — This well researched, fascinating book is in the "Treasures of Asia" series, which includes parallel works on Persian and Chinese painting. It is a production of the highest quality in both the technical sense and as a contribution to scholarship.

Richard Ettinghausen was formerly Curator of Near Eastern Art at the Freer Gallery in Washington. The book, of 209 pages, contains 81 pictures, reproduced in glowing colors, useful indices, appendices and notes, a map and a select bibliography.

Ettinghausen formulates possible criticisms of his title, "Arab Painting," by defining the term "Arab," in this context, to mean the universal civilization of the medieval empire whose religion, administration, scholarship and literature were expressed in Arabic. There was, as Ettinghausen points out, a strong feeling among Muslims of the medieval period, whatever the country of their origin, that they were members of an "Arab" civilization. The scientist, Al Biruni, who came from beyond the Caucasus, expressed the idea most fervently when he said "he would rather be cursed in Arabic than praised in Persian."

Ettinghausen defines painting widely to include frescoes, arabesques, mosaics and figured pottery. He explains this odd definition by setting the clear prohibition of Islamic tradition against figural representation on the one hand against the artistic mores of the non-Semitic peoples on the periphery of Arabia who accepted Islam later. There were considerable divergences, too, he tells us, between the prohibitions of Islam and the decrees of rulers, Khalifs or Sultans, who were the patrons of the arts. The artistic drive towards calligraphy clearly emerges from Islamic orthodoxy.

The author sets himself the task of explaining the historical background of the evolution of the unique and splendid art forms he describes and of showing that in range and character, they hold their own with what was being produced elsewhere in the medieval world.

Although, as Ettinghausen admits, the available material is limited, he has collected it in book form for the first time. For this reason alone, his contribution is an important one.

The study starts with the establishment of the Umayyad Caliphate in Damascus in 661 A.D. as "The Seat of Universal Power." The monuments which Ettinghausen chooses to illustrate this triumphalism are mosaics from the Great Mosques of Damascus and Jerusalem. These are superbly detailed and delicate works of an extraordinary grace and subtlety. A floor mosaic, of a tree with animals, from a bath house in Jordan, is so fine as to resemble a minutely woven carpet and it recalls similar Graeco-Roman designs.

The most important part of Arab painting is, of course, the illustration and illumination of books. This aspect of the art is treated in detail. There are many charming illustrations, grave and gay, for scientific, historical and fabulous works. Some of the most striking pictures are contained in the section devoted to miniature paintings. One can enjoy not only the unconscious cheerfulness of primitive styles, as in the "Kalila and Dimna" story books (1354 A.D.) but the careful sophistication of the "Maqamat" Book of Assemblies, (1357 A.D.).

There are intimations and echoes, too, of Rajput and Mogul paintings of different times and places which say something of the universality of mankind's artistic impulses.

Pollution incentives

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"Two Dancers," a well-preserved in the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, in the year 636.

Cold future forecasts

By Nigel Hawkes

LONDON — The World Meteorological Office cleverly chose one of Europe's coldest years to hold a major conference on the climate, which started Monday in Geneva.

While day-to-day changes in the thermometer may have little direct connection with the longer, slower rhythms of climatic change, it is an irrefutable human urge to link them. The commuter delayed by frozen railway points (switches) or the motorist in a snowdrift may, if he is of an philosophical disposition, turn to contemplation of the next Ice Age.

Nor is he necessarily wrong. For some experts at this week's meeting do believe that the eccentricities of recent years have been evidence of a climatic change towards much greater variability.

Droughts, floods, the failure of monsoons and the run of hard winters are all evidence, they say, that the world has come to the end of a spell of even-tempered weather which began in about 1910 and lasted until about 1960. This period has even been called "a little tropical age" by one of the more quotable climatologists, Professor Reid Bryson.

What follows the tropics would be harder to live with — weather more typical of the 14th century or even of the "little Ice Age" which lasted between 1430 and 1850. If so, the implications could be important to agriculture and the use of fuels: in a world where the feeding of the multitudes has become a race between fecundity and fertilizers, such variability could spell disaster.

The experts assemble in Geneva with some points clearly established, but with very many more in doubt. That the climate does change is accepted, and there is a very good model, devised 40 years ago by the Yugoslav Milutin Milankovich, which goes a long way towards explaining these changes.

Milankovich explained the Ice Ages by changes in the Earth's orbit and inclination, changes which take place in a regular cycle. There are three such cycles: one, lasting 100,000 years, in which the shape of the Earth's orbit changes slightly; another, 40,000 years long, in which the Earth's tilt changes; and a third, 20,000 years long, involving a wobble in the Earth's axis.

Superimposed all these cycles, say the Milankovich supporters, and you can explain why the Earth moves between full-glacial Ice Ages and the milder interglacial periods, in one of which we now find ourselves.

It has lasted some 15,000 years since the ice relaxed its grip.

That is of no immediate concern. But what is likely to happen in the next decade and the next century is of critical importance, and on this time-scale totally different mechanisms apply.

Two possible mechanisms have been proposed, though neither is yet proved. One is the varying quantity of volcanic dust in the atmosphere, which acts as a veil screening the heat of the Sun and cooling the Earth. (OFNS)

By Geoff Gardner

DHAHRAN — With a resume which includes several years of government service and a wardrobe of the dark blue suits which are almost a uniform of U.S. federal employees, Terrance O'Rourke fits the image of the bureaucrat. Combined with his latest effort for the Carter administration, a world-wide tour to explain the aspects and ramifications of the 1978 U.S. Energy Act, the 32-year-old Counsel to the Administrator of the Economic Regulatory Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, could be mistaken for any of the thousands of government officials who have visited Saudi Arabia.

But O'Rourke is different. Although he has given speeches from Washington, D.C. to Japan to the Arabian peninsula, he isn't afraid to venture an opinion or answer questions directly.

He says, for example, that nuclear energy is currently a dead issue in the United States because of the problems of nuclear waste disposal and other safety hazards. (The Carter administration is attempting to increase the amount of electricity generated by nuclear power from the current level of ten per cent to twenty per cent and is spending more on research in this area than on any other form of energy.)

O'Rourke offers, as a "wild guess," that the price of imported oil will rise to around \$25 per barrel in 1985, in terms of 1979 dollars.

And he says that the discovery of large Mexican oil reserves probably won't help the U.S. much. One reason is the "sensitivity" between the two countries because of Mexico's attitudes toward American oil companies.

O'Rourke could probably find many people who agree with him, but few public officials who would say so publicly. It would be easy to label the candid young Carter spokesman as a maverick or a cynic because of his wry humor and informal manner. Yet along with his quick grasp of questions and concepts and frank replies he has a firm belief that the United States is moving in the right way to solve its problems, although the process is slow.

He says his position as Counsel to the Administrator of the Economic Regulatory Administration was his most difficult and points out the problems of working in a huge bureaucracy.

"This was the hardest job in terms of the debilitating experience of serving in the federal levels of the federal system you work, frequently, 14-18 hours a day," he said.

"It's not enjoyable. It's hard in that what you work on frequently are big issues and you don't have the immediate satisfaction of knowing the results of your efforts. But yet when you see things passed like the national energy bill, after months of fighting and debating, you get a real sense of satisfaction."

One aim of the bill is to cut imports. It includes provisions which deal with natural gas pricing, energy conservation, coal conversion, and research of long-range energy alternatives.

The natural gas pricing legislation is designed to encourage more U.S. production by eliminating price differentials between gas sold interstate and intrastate. O'Rourke estimated this will free a trillion cubic feet of gas for interstate commerce. The increased cost of gas should also force industries to find cheaper and more plentiful forms of fuel, according to energy plan advocates.

O'Rourke worked closely with Congress during the long debate from its introduction to eventual passage in October 1978.

He thinks that the balance between the environmental in-

Explaining U.S. energy strategies



Terrance L. O'Rourke

building up stocks in the United States and other places in the west. But now we have a stock drawdown occurring at about two million barrels a day," he said. "So there will be a pinch in the western societies and Japan, and President Carter will ask for more voluntary conservation."

"We have sent oil to Iran, but is insignificant. We cleared a few shiploads in that period when there was zero production, but that has stopped."

O'Rourke said that under terms of the International Energy Agency, which was formed after the 1973 oil embargo

to help oil importing nations to cope with cutoffs, the U.S. could possibly be sending oil to Japan. Japan has relied on Iran to supply twenty per cent of its oil needs. (The U.S. normally imports five per cent of its oil from Iran.)

"That's part of international agreements," he said. "The shoe could be on the other foot. That's what international cooperation is all about."

Although more will be spent on nuclear energy research than solar research, he sees the "soft" forms of energy (those which are non-polluting) and the inexhaustible forms as the trends of the future. Supporting this he said that \$50,000 was spent by the U.S. in 1970 on solar energy research, while in 1978 \$750 million was allocated.

"There are really three distinct phases to the Carter plan," he said. "The immediate one is the supply interruption. The second phase is the so-called interim period, that period where we are looking for the world oil shortage. That's the one we are going to be investing in... coal, a lot of nuclear light water reactors."

"The long term is the post-petroleum age when petroleum is no longer the base of the world energy supply. We'll be going for sources like fusion, which is essentially an inexhaustible supply, or solar, or renewable types."

After stops in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran, he has formed some vivid impressions of Saudi Arabia.

"The Saudis at all levels really do support conservation in the United States. The Carter energy plan is almost what Saudi Arabia would have us do. To see how much our countries have in common interest comes out at all levels in the Saudi Kingdom."

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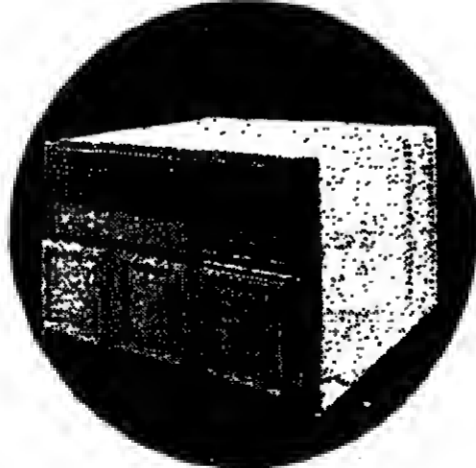
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U.S. Pro Indoor

Tennis sponsor quits; cites directors' deceit

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16 (AP) — The Insurance Company of North America has withdrawn sponsorship of the annual \$250,000 U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Tournament, citing "deceptive financial practices" by tournament directors.

Bruce Shaeffer, the company's senior vice president, said the company's official notice of termination was sent on Feb. 7 to Marilyn and Edward Fernberger, the tournament's co-directors since it began here in 1962.

Shaeffer said the company had spent "nearly a million dollars" during its three-year association with the tournament.

Mrs. Fernberger, contacted Wednesday in Palm Springs, California, where she was attending a conference of tennis officials, denied that there were any deceptive practices connected with the tournament.

Shaeffer said the tournament directors claimed they had contributed \$302,570 in the name of the 1978 tournament to free public tennis instruction, tournaments and scholarship programs.

He said an audit revealed that \$125,000 of that amount had been taken off the top and put into an endowment fund

that had been created by the Philadelphia International Indoor Tennis Corporation, the non-profit and tax-exempt umbrella organization that oversees both the U.S. Pro Indoor and the \$125,000 Avon Championships, a women's tournament also directed by the Fernbergers.

"What bothered us was the claim that over \$300,000 was going to free tennis for kids, when in fact, the actual figure was considerably less," Shaeffer said. "If you're posing for pictures handing over checks for \$300,000 to charity, and you're keeping the first \$125,000 of it for your own corporation's endowment fund, I'd say that's a pretty deceptive financial practice."

The company's management, according to Shaeffer, also objected to the director's annual trips, at tournament expense, to Wimbledon and to the Italian and French Open tournaments to obtain commitments from players to compete here.

"Two hundred fifty thousand dollars in prize money isn't enough to get them here?" Shaeffer asked.

He said the company objected to the conduct of some players, such as Vitas Gerulaitis, who, he said, shouted obscenities to spectators after losing in this year's tournament.

Mrs. Fernberger said the tournament directors had no control over the endowment fund, it being controlled completely by Philadelphia International Indoor Tennis Corporation.

"This tournament will survive with or without INA," she said. "We have the support of the total Philadelphia business community."

Meanwhile in Rancho Mirage, California, — top-seeded Jimmy Connors whipped unseeded Victor Amaya, 6-0, 6-4, in a third-round match of the \$250,000 Tennis Games at the Mission Hills Country Club Thursday.

Connors, who needed only an hour to dispose of the six-foot-seven Amaya, was to meet defending champion and No. 8 seed Roscoe Tanner in a quarterfinal match Friday. Tanner advanced with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Gene Mayer.



ADVANCES: Brian Gottfried advanced ahead of Connors to the quarterfinals of the Mission Hills event Thursday with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, victory over tenth-seeded Jose Higueras.

For 1st time

Snowstorms wipe out all F.A. Cup matches

LONDON, Feb. 16 (R) — A melancholy piece of soccer history was made Friday when an entire round of the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup was postponed for the first time in the competition's 108-year history.

The four fifth-round ties scheduled for Saturday have all been called off after the blizzards which swept Britain Thursday. The other four matches could not take place because the teams involved have not settled their fourth round games yet.

With most of the country covered in snow and temperatures below freezing almost everywhere, only a handful of League games are likely to be played.

Even Leicester City, whose protective balloon has been the envy of other clubs this winter, have had problems. The polythene tent which covers the pitch collapsed under the weight of snow — but the club still hope their Second Division game against Newcastle go well ahead.

English soccer's fixture backlog is now approaching the levels reached in the bitter

cold winter of 1962-1963 and one official said Friday that the season may have to be extended until June.

But England is far from alone.

The Dutch soccer league, so badly hit by the weather that no games have been played for eight weeks — will resume on March 3, club representatives decided Thursday night.

The extended break will give the national team time to prepare for the Feb. 24 friendly international against Italy in Milan.

But the Italian Football Association has banned the Dutch team from playing training matches in Italy before the international.

The Dutch squad had planned to fly to Rome Monday. Evert Grifflors of the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB) said Tuesday night: "It's all part of a soccer war of nerves."

"We are not yet certain where we will go. We are trying to find somewhere to train." Spain or the South of France are the choices.

At San Diego

Coghlan leads attack on indoor mile record

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Eamonn Coghlan, favored to win the mile in the San Diego Invitational Track Meet, says New Zealander John Walker has withdrawn because he is tired of losing. Even without Walker and injured Wilson Weigwa of Kenya, Friday's field was a promoter's dream. With the steep-sloped sports arena track one of the world's fastest, odds were that Dick Burkley's indoor mile mark of 3:54.9 would fall.

Walker, who holds the outdoor record for the mile, declared Wednesday, "I'm sick. What can I say? I have the flu and my lungs are congested. I'm going home to New Zealand."

Coghlan, the Irishman who ran a blurring 3:55 in last week's Millrose Games, one-tenth of a second off Burkley's record, has his own version of Walker's troubles.

"Sick? Oh, he's sick in the head, maybe," Coghlan said. "I don't know what's wrong with that guy. There's no reason for him not to compete. Walker changes like the Irish weather — every day."

"I still wouldn't be surprised if he sticks around and competes in the AAU meet next

week in New York," Coghlan continued. "Of course, maybe he doesn't like to compete against me. Maybe he's getting tired of getting beat all the time."

Understandable. Coghlan has lost only once indoors — in San Diego two years ago when Weigwa upset him in 3:55.7. Under a roof, Walker has never beaten him.

Entered against were Filbert Bayl of Tanzania, top American milers Steve Scott and Steve Lacy, and pacesetter Paul Cummings, U.S. indoor record holder over 1,500 meters.

"If Cummings will set a fast pace there's no way the record will survive," predicted meet promoter Al Franken.

"I'm looking for a very good time," said Coghlan. "If the pace is the same (as Millrose) throughout the early stages of the race, I think, certainly, I can grab the world record." Cummings planned to go out fast, do three-quarters in about 2:56. It was Cummings who led Coghlan to his rapid Millrose clocking.

"If they run like they did in New York," added Bayl, "they will run 3:53. On that, I'm certain."

Lietzke at last putts right to edge into Tucson lead

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 16 (AP) — Bruce Lietzke, the cross-handed putter who holds the Canadian Open title, emerged from the ruck with a seven-under-par 63 and took a one-stroke first-round lead Thursday in the \$250,000 Joe Garagiola-Tucson Open golf tournament.

Lietzke, who has had putting problems most of the season, solved the bumpy greens with nine one-putts. "I've hit the ball at least that well every round this year," he said. "The difference was that I finally got some putts to go in."

"I don't know why. I really

wish I did. I was working on stroke No. 459-A. But it's still cross-handed. I'll never change that."

And in Miami Thursday, early finisher Hollis Stacy, also relying on her putting, held off the late-afternoon bid of Amy Alcott to take the first-round lead with a three-under-par 69 in a \$100,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

Stacy, who has won the U.S. Open the last two years, had five birdies and two bogies in her 35-34 totals over the 6,211-yard South Course at the Country Club Aventura.



WINNER: Coghlan holds his trophy after winning last Friday's Wausau Mile at the Millrose Games in New York with a blistering 3:55—just one-tenth off the record.

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U.S. aide sees continued large Japanese surpluses

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (AP)—U.S. officials say Japan is being too optimistic in forecasting a substantial improvement in next year's trade balances, and expect continued large Japanese surpluses to push the yen even higher.

"The opinion in Washington is that the Japanese forecasts are very optimistic," a U.S. official, who asked not to be identified, said in an interview.

The Japanese government says it will have a surplus in its "current account" balance, which includes regular trade plus "invisible" transactions such as tourism, of \$7.5 billion in fiscal year 1979 beginning next month, compared to the expected \$13 billion surplus this fiscal year, provided the

yen stays around 190 or 200 to the dollar.

In Washington, predictions of the Japanese surplus range from \$9.5 billion to \$13.5 billion, using the same exchange rate, the official said.

"It's still true that if Japan persists in running a large current account surplus," he said, "there will be heavy pressure on the yen."

Private Japanese research organizations are also more pessimistic than the government prediction for the upcoming fiscal year. Of 12 research groups that have so far made forecasts, only two are close to \$7.5 billion, four fall between that and the range of U.S. opinions, four agree with the Americans and two are even

higher.

The Nomura Research Institute says the current account surplus next year will be \$8.4 billion and the "Nihon Keizai Shimbun"—Japan's economic newspaper—predicts it will be \$9.5 billion.

Japanese officials are also predicting a substantial increase in imports next fiscal year, while exports should be up only slightly.

According to the government, imports will be 76 billion in dollars in fiscal 1978, a 20 per cent increase over the previous year, and 84.7 billion in fiscal 1979, an 11.5 per cent boost over this year. Exports this fiscal year will be up 16.9 per cent, to \$97.5 billion, and for fiscal 1979, \$101 billion, up 3.4 per cent.

Blocking roads to Luxembourg, Belgium

Steelworkers strike in France

LONGWY, France, Feb. 16 (R)—Angry steelworkers and iron ore miners blocked all the main roads from France to Luxembourg and Belgium early Friday at the start of a one-day strike in northern and eastern France.

The strikers are demanding a complete revision of the government's plan to reorganize the steel industry by laying off more than 20,000 workers in these crisis-stricken regions.

In northern France, most cities were without public transport and postal services, and schools, shops and hospitals

were closed in solidarity with the steel workers.

By early morning marchers were in the streets in at least 10 towns, chanting anti-government slogans and demanding the creation of new jobs. Massive demonstrations were planned for later Friday in the cities of Lille, Boulogne and Valenciennes.

In Lorraine, commando groups of masked workers blocked all motorways and police set up diversions as long traffic jams built up.

A railway spokesman said trains were running to Luxem-

bourg again Friday morning after strikers temporarily blocked the line at the border during the night.

Steel industry officials in northern France reported the strike was 95 per cent effective in the region. No official figures were available for Lorraine, but the stoppage appeared to be total.

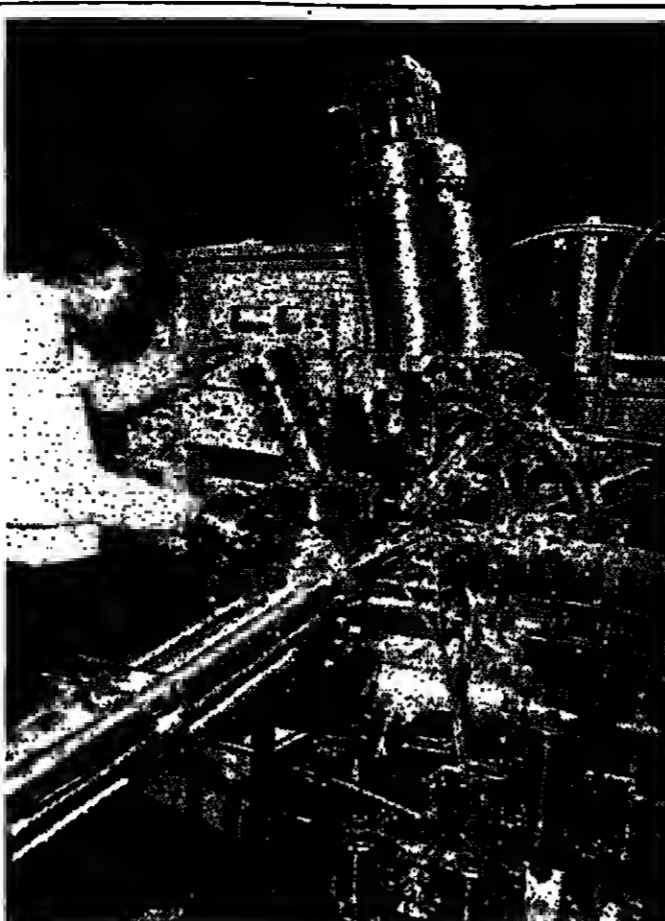
U.S. government, textile industry reach trade pact

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—An agreement has been reached between the textile industry and the Carter Administration on import and trade issues that will improve chances for enactment of a proposed new world trade pact.

"We have a new program that satisfies the textile industry," said John Donaldson, spokesman for the Office of Special Trade Representative Robert Strauss. "The deal has been consummated."

Some last minute "potential misunderstandings" that were delaying agreement were worked out late Thursday, he said.

While details of the agreement weren't announced, one likely result will be textile industry support for the new trade agreement President Carter will soon send to Congress.



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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Thursday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.67	6.75	6.75
Deutsche Mark	1.80 (100)	181.00	181.50
Swiss F	1.99 (100)	202.00	202.00
French F	0.78 (100)	79.00	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.00	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.25	106.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.50	86.25
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.77	8.77
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.40	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	26,000	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,100	—
Silver kg bar	—	700	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.67	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.66	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

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U.S. businessmen see recession this year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—A group of prominent business leaders has parted company with the administration of President Jimmy Carter on the outlook for the U.S. economy, saying a mild recession this year is a virtual certainty.

The Business Council said overall growth of the economy will be less than 1 per cent during 1979, with a slowdown beginning about midyear. Unemployment will increase by about 1 million persons to 6.8 per cent of the labor force, up from 5.8 per cent now, it said. And the council said inflation, which was 9 per cent last year, will decline only modestly to slightly above 7.5 per cent and remain at that level through 1980.

The council's forecasts Thursday were considerably more pessimistic than those of the administration which has maintained that a recession can and will be avoided this year.

As recently as last December, the council was agreeing with the administration estimate that the economy should grow between 2 per cent and 3 per cent in 1979.

BP to explore oil in China

LONDON, Feb. 16 (R)—British Petroleum (BP) has won a role in the development of China's oil industry with the signing of an offshore exploration deal here.

A BP spokesman told Reuters Friday that under the agreement the partially state-owned company and the Chinese Petroleum Corporation jointly conduct a reconnaissance seismic survey in a southern part of the Yellow Sea.

It was signed in secret this week after six months' talks by Zhang Wen-bin, president of the Chinese Corporation, and BP Chairman Sir David Steel. No other details were released.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Supply of ration in Jeddah and Taif zones	99/1400	100	March 3
* Saudi Arabian Airlines	Improvement to Saudia office on King Khaled road, Jeddah	xx	150	Feb. 20
* Municipality of Oyun	Supply of insecticides and chemical materials	xx	300	March 17
* Directorate General of the Affairs of Holy Harams	Carpet for the floors of the two Harams	xx	50	May 26
* Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail	Sanitation material for fiscal year 78/79	xx	xx	March 13
* Ministry of Information	Sunshade for vehicles at the transmission station in Jeddah	xx	30	March 3
* Municipality of Qorayat	Supply of nylon bags for garbage	xx	xx	March 13



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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 15TH FEBRUARY 1979

1-VESSLS DISCHARGING BERTH	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—
2	MUSASHI MARU	ALIREZA ABDALLAH	VEHICLES	14/2/1979
3	GOLDEN LION	—	CONTAINERS/GENERAL	11/2/1979
4	SEA GLORY	O.C.E.	SUGAR	17/2/1979
5	—	—	—	—
6	—	—	—	—
7	—	—	—	—
8	NASEEM	N.S.L.	LOADS-CARS	14/2/1979
9	LUCKY THREE	ORRI	SORGHUM/RICE/ MAIZE	9/2/1979
10	MEDO	FAYEZ	POTATOES	12/2/1979
11	—	—	—	—
12	MALDIV NAVIGATOR	OCEAN TRD.	SORGHUM/MAIZE/ TIMBER	11/2/1979
13	—	—	—	—
14	—	—	—	—
15	EVANGELIA	ALSAADA	GENERAL	14/2/1979
16	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—
18	IONIAN CARRIER	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	8/2/1979
19	TOKI ARROW	ALSAABA	BULK CEMENT	5/2/1979
20	MOSRIVER	GULF	BAGGED CEMENT	3/2/1979
21	ATLANTIC	ALSAADA	BAGGED CEMENT	1/2/1979
22	CELEBRATE	—	—	—
23	TOULLA	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	6/2/1979
24	PELIPINAS SAUDI 1	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
25	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	—
27	—	—	—	—
28	HELLENIC SUN	ALPHA	GENERAL/BAGGED RICE	14/2/1979
29	GUTENFELS	ALIREZA	CEMENT/BLOG. MATS./ GENERAL	12/2/1979
30	—	—	—	—
31	ATLANTIC FREEZER	O.C.E.	FROZEN POULTRY	12/2/1979
32	—	—	—	—
33	LEN EVERETT	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	11/2/1979
34	DRACKENSTEIN	STAR NAV.	FRUITS	10/2/1979
35	—	—	—	—
36	—	—	—	—
37	FRIGO QUEEN	O.C.E.	FROZ. POULTRY	14/2/1979
38	—	—	—	—
39	—	—	—	—
40	FRIGO QUEEN	O.C.E.	FROZ. POULTRY	14/2/1979
41	SAN STEFANO	STAR NAV.	FRUIT	14/2/1979
42	HELLENIC SUN	ALPHA	GEN./RICE/CONTAINERS	14/2/1979
43	EVANGELIA	ALSAADA	GEN./PIPES/CEMENT	14/2/1979
44	SAM HOUSTON	A.E.T.	GENERAL (BARGES)	14/2/1979
45	REKIVIER	STAR NAV.	FRUIT	14/2/1979
46	SEASPEED ARABIA	FAYEZ	RO RO	15/2/1979

Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours

SEA EAGLE	ORRI	MAIZE/SORGHUM/RICE	15/2/1979
GERINGSWALDE	SHOBOKSHI	GEN./STEEL/CONTS	15/2/1979
ALUDRA	N.S.L.	GENERAL/LUB.OIL/ CONTS	15/2/1979
CASTLE GLORY	STAR NAV.	DURRA	15/2/1979
ALASSIRI	ALSAABA	TO LOAD MTY. CONTS.	15/2/1979
TEANA VAREE	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS	15/2/1979
TOYOTA MARU	ANSCO	CARS	15/2/1979
NO. 8	—	—	—
BOEGH TRIGGER	A.E.T.	CARS/CONTAINERS	15/2/1979

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DATE: 18.3.1399 / 15.2.1979
TIME: 0700 HRS.

1-Vessels Working Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
10	MISHAEL AL KULAB	ORRI	LIVE STOCK (BUFFALOES)	14/2/1979
11	PETE EVERETT	ORRI	BANANAS	14/2/1979
12	HANNAH-LU	GOSAIBI	GEN/CONTS	12/2/1979
13	SPAN TERZA	ALSAADA	STEEL/GENERAL	12/2/1979
14	CAPE PRIDE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	14/2/1979
15	EVER HONESTY	UEI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	8/2/1979
16	ALIOUSSA	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	8/2/1979
17	ASIA ROSE	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	5/2/1979
18	STURMFELS	ALI REZA	GENERAL	14/2/1979
19	KYOJIN	ALIREZA	CARS	15/2/1979
20	GREAT MAURICE	KANOO	LIME/MARBLE	15/2/1979

2-Recent Arrivals

CAPE PRIDE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	14/2/1979
STURMFELS	ALI REZA	GENERAL	14/2/1979
MISHAEL AL KULAB	ORRI	LIVE STOCK (BUFFALOES)	14/2/1979
PETE EVERETT	ORRI	BANANAS	14/2/1979
SEA GLORY	KANOO	VEHICLES	14/2/1979
GREAT MAURICE	KANOO	LIME/MARBLE	15/2/1979
KYOJIN	REZAYAT	CARS	15/2/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 48 Hours

SARAH PULSEN	KANOO	—	—
MARIYA	ORRI	—	—
KHALIJ SKY	SUEASIA	—	—
SEA TRAIN	ALQURASHI	—	—
LONDON	—	—	—
EPHYIA	BARBER	—	—
HOSHIO MARU	KANOO	—	—
ST. LOUIS	REZAYAT	—	—
IBN AL BETIAR	KANOO	—	—
TAINING	S.E.A.	—	—
ELESTRA IV	ORRI	—	—
AL NISSILAH	KANOO	—	—
ASIA LARK	ALIREZA	—	—


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Scrupulous	46	68
Steadfastness	280	280
Virt Magnitude	253	252

	Closing Feb. 13	Closing Feb. 14
Price Yen	364	366
Ambi Trading	172	172
Asahi Chem.	359	351
Asahi Glass	218	211
Banque Indochine	788	790
Shanghai Yarn	505	510
Bridgeport Wire	631	605
Cham	UNQ	714
Clyde	1046	1060
Chien Wah	452	452
Dai Nippon Bank	305	305
Dai Nippon Printing	537	537
Dai Nippon Tsubo	267	265
Ehara Manufactory	762	699
Fuji Bank	335	337
Fuji Denso	649	645
Fuji Spinning	153	153
Fujitsu	454	447
Hokuriku	748	729
Huatai Motor	483	484
ICI	189	189
Ishik	255	259
I.L. & Co	278	280
Kajima	345	348
Kansai Power	1100	1170
Kawachi Steel	111	111
Kawasaki Steel	125	123
Kien Brewery	457	453
Kobe	379	377
Kobun	277	275
Mitsubishi Ind.	684	685
Mitsubishi Works	577	578
Mitsubishi Bank	333	333
Mitsubishi Chemical	120	120
Nani	181	181

Mitsubishi Heavy	128	129
Mitsubishi Corp.	423	424
Mitsui Bussan	423	367
Mitsui Bussan	635	636
Mitsui Sumitomo	118	117
Mitsui	538	538
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Shimizu	1078	1078
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Shimizu Cement	218	220
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Shimizu Marine	245	245
Shimizu Metal	127	124
Takachi	224	224
Takachi	241	240
Takachi	492	500
Takachi	141	139
Takachi	167	275
Takachi	132	130
Takachi	132	130
Takachi Power	1678	1669
Takachi	477	485
Takachi India	183	183
Takachi	151	149
Takachi Kogyo	450	450
Takachi	848	848
Takachi	152	245
Yamashita	288	285

SINGAPORE

Indemnity	Closing Feb. 13 Price Singapore	Closing Feb. 14
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Gold Storage Bank	274-79	222
Cycle & Carriage	338	334
East Ore	482	338
East Asiatic	585	538
Guinness	500	585/515
Harper Collins	284-56	256
Harb. P. & S.	163	163
Isaacspice	163	163
Malayan Breweries	555	535/590
Malayan S. S. Co.	555	100/2
National Iron	648	635
N.L. Timbers	167	172
Paper Forest	167	172
Raffles	283	283
Siam Derby Hotel	316	316
Siam S. S. Co.	258	258
Straits Trading Co.	590	618
Straits Trading Co.	546	565
Thomson & Co.	546	565
Tracy & Mullins	539	535/535
United Engineers	136	135
William Jacks Co.	129	129
Flannett	454	448
IOSS	328	328
Hong Leong	328	328
Malayan Banking	628/628d	628d
Malayan S. S. Co.	505	505
UOB	342	333
Hotels	994	97
Faber Martin	449	449
Greenwood Park	226	226
Properties	UNQ	UNQ
Central Properties	115	113
City Developments	149	146
Hot Overland	319	318
Island Pn. Dev	146	148
Singapore Land	226	226
Palm Oil	226	226
United Plantations	769	779
Mining	UNQ	UNQ
Bechtel's	148	146
Kumpang Lemut	148	146
Pahang Cam	394d	460d
Sungei Sepilang	203	207
Rubber	372	382
Ruta Laka	419	416
Denkey Batters	151	157
Kempas (Malaya)	362	360
E. L. Lang	362	360
Kuala Lumpur	362	360
Highlands & Lowlands	362	360

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EXCHANGE RATES **سعار العملات والذهب**
AND LONDON GOLD

February 14		February 14	
Range		Opening Prices	
USA	2.8615-2.8625	STG	2.8030-2.8040
Canada	2.3945-2.3950	BRF CON	29.25-29.26
France	8.5550-8.5600	CA	86.00-83.90
Belgium	58.38-58.40	FFR	84.00-84.00
Germany	16.7800-16.7810	LT	84.00-84.00
Italy	4.6150-4.6200	DFP	1.6770-1.6780
Poland	3.7150-3.7160	SFR	1.6780-1.6790
W. Germany	3.7150-3.7160	DMK	1.6780-1.6790
Sweden	8.7400-8.7500	VEN	5.9450-5.9500
Switzerland	16.7800-16.7810	AUS, SCH	5.9450-5.9500
Denmark	16.7800-16.7850	US\$	5.9450-5.9500
Australia	27.25-27.25	NKR	47.45-47.45
Netherlands	44.65-44.65	PORT	47.45-47.45
Spain	130.80-131.10	SKF	47.45-47.45
Japan	400.70-401.10	BRF FIN	29.25-29.26

NY DOLLAR CROSS RATES

February 14	2.0079		
Belgian Franc	29.2457		
Deutsche Mark	1.8581		
Hong Kong Dollar	4.7752		
French Franc	4.7757		
Italian Lira	336.910		
	2.0079		

twelve months 3-10 prem.

LONDON GOLD

February 14

3.00p-m. fix. \$240.44

DOW JONES STOCK AVERAGES مؤثر د او جونز

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

February 13

20 Transport ..	212.50	UP 3.21	or 1.53%
15 Utilities	103.72	UP 0.34	or 0.33%
65 Stocks	281.73	UP 2.29	or 0.82%

The dollar showed a firming trend during the day and there was no unsettling news developments from Europe. The dollar advanced 1.11 points to 161.82. Advances exceeded declines by 354 to 206.

days which demonstrated that the market could handle adverse news without increases in selling volume.

**DOW JONES
11.00 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES**

30 Industrials ..	231.95	UP 1.74	or 0.21%
20 Transport ..	213.72	UP 1.22	or 0.57%
15 Utilities	103.89	UP 0.17	or 0.16%
5 Stocks	201.65	UP 0.00	or 0.00%

FINANCIAL TIMES
STOCK EXCHANGE

	14	13	12	9	8	7	2006
Government Secs.	65.39	65.10	64.90	64.80	64.64	65.12	74.39
Fixed Interest	66.21	66.03	65.71	66.08	65.97	66.67	77.62
Industrial Ordinary	457.4	455.4	446.1	450.7	448.9	455.2	450.7

Gold Mines (Ex-\$ per oz)	118.8	120.1	120.5	119.3	122.5	123.5	115.4
Ord. Div. Yield	6.21	6.34	6.37	6.32	6.34	6.27	5.81
Earnings Yld% (FullYr%)	16.73	16.31	16.65	16.53	16.59	16.42	17.71
P/E Ratio (incl. Div.)	7.99	7.95	7.79	7.85	7.82	7.90	7.97

Equity Driveway Fee	—	75.32	73.00	95.02	104.29	77.92	62.92
Equity Garage Fee	—	13,486	13,914	14,957	15,307	13,157	14,829

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^b Based on 52 per cent corporation tax. ^c NY = 7.73.
Basis 100 Govt. Secs. 15/10/26. Fixed Int. 1928. Ind. Ord. 1/7/35.
Gold Mines 12/9/55. Ex-^a per index started June, 1972. SE Activity July-Dec. 1942.

COMMODITY PRICES اسعار السلع والمعادن الرئيسية

المواد	SOYABEAN MEAL	Today's Closing	Today's Closing
		£ per tonne	
February	UNO	131.50	

February 14 Luncheon Prices		Today's		Previous	
June	129.00	129.00	129.00	129.00	129.00
August	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
October	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
December	128.00	128.00	128.00	128.00	128.00
February	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00

As per contract		WOOL		Australian Greasy Wool	
					Pence per kilo
March	1738	1736			
May	1784.5	1783			
July	1813	1810	May	—	—
September	1845	1840	July	—	—

March	1913	1920	March	—	—
May	1935	1920	May	—	—
ARABICA COFFEE			July	—	—
			October	—	—

October	UNQ	UNQ	المعائن
December	UNQ	UNQ	
February	UNQ	UNQ	
April	UNQ	UNQ	

ROBUSTA COFFEE

July	1266	1264	ALUMINUM	Closing	Closing
September	1228	1227		£ per tonne	
November	1196	1195	Cash	707.80	708.00
January	1167	1165	Three months	706.50	707.80
March			Settlement	708.00	—

GRAINS		COPPER	
Wheat	Barley		
Yesterday's	Yesterday's		
Closing	Closing	Wirebars	£ per tonne
£ per long ton	£ per long ton	Cash	
200.00	180.00	910.00	910.00

September	85.00	91.00	Settlement	520.00	—
November	88.40	94.00	Cash	012.80	013.80
January	91.80	98.00	Three months	936.80	927.80
			Settlement	413.00	—

	Pence per kilo		LEAD		
March	61.40	68.60			
April	61.55	61.25		£ per tonne	
April-June	62.20	62.00	Cash	496.00	497.00

July-October	85.95	85.83		
January-March ..	67.95	67.88		
April-June	69.95	69.90		
July-September ..	71.95	71.90		
Oct.-December ..	73.95	73.85		

SILVER

Per troy ounce

RAW SUGAR				
Sugar Prof.		Three months	358.60	358.39
Comm. Com.		Settlement	348.99	--
Futures	\$ per long ton			
197.39	197.15	TIN		

August.....	112.60	112.55	Standard.....		
October.....	115.75	115.70	Cash.....	7190	7280
December.....	118.75	118.70	Three months....	7135	7140
March.....	123.80	123.70	Settlement.....	7280	—

WHITE SUGAR			Cash	7270	7320
			Three months	7150	7155
April	103.75	103.50	Settlement	7320	—

September	115.00	114.75	ZalVC		
October	119.50	119.25			
November	127.50	127.00	Cash	367.00	367.50
December	132.00	131.00	Three months	401.00	401.50
April	132.00	131.00	Guarantee	70.00	
July	132.00	131.00			

REST RATES اسعار فوائد العملات الأوروبية

Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
7.7%	-1/16-1/14	3 1/2-3 3/4	6 1/2-6 3/4	7.10	—	5 1/2-12 1/2

6-6-6	1/16-1/14	3/16-3/9/16	6-7%	12%-13%	10%-10%	2-3 5/16
6-6-6	U16-3/16	3 13/16-3%	7%-7%	13-14	10 15/16-11 1/16	3 1/16-3 7/16
6-6-6	5/16-7/16	4-3%	8 7/16-8 11/16	13%-14%	11 3/16-11 5/16	3 9/16-3 7/16
6-6-7	1/2-3/4	3%-4%	0 1/16-9 5/14	13%-14%	11 3/16-11 5/16	3 9/16-4 3/16

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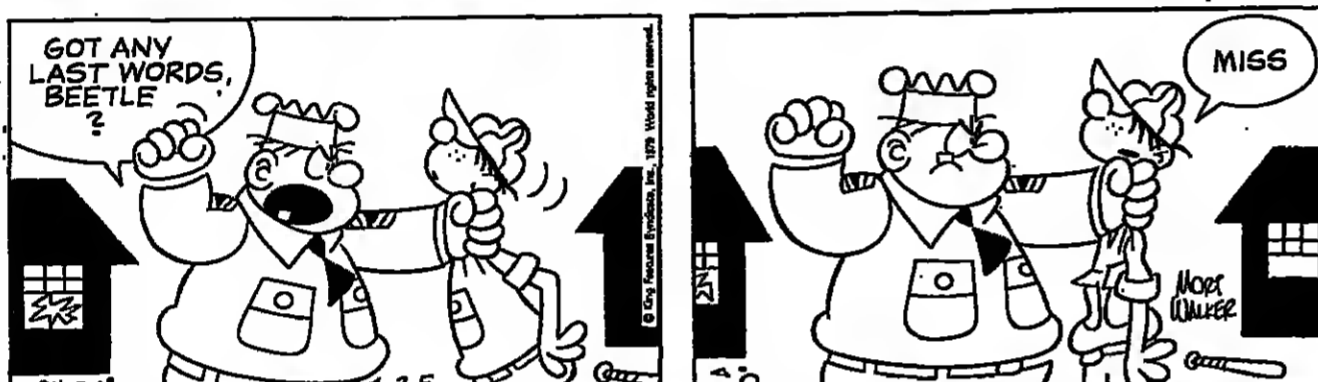
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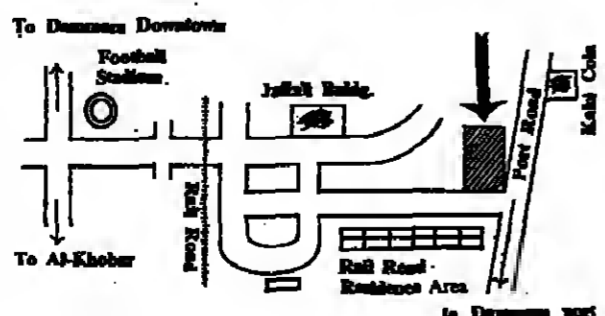
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Many thought dead

Chad capital ceasefire said holding

PARIS, Feb. 16 (AP)—A French-organized ceasefire in the intense fighting between the rival forces of Chad's President Felix Malloum and Premier Hissou Habre was holding in the capital, N'Djamena, Friday, informed sources reported here.

The sources confirmed four French citizens, including a teacher and a nurse, had been

killed in heavy fighting before the ceasefire was agreed Thursday afternoon.

The death toll among the local population was believed heavy, although not even a rough estimate was available. The northern sectors of the city were ravaged in the fighting in which heavy mortars, recoilless cannons, rocket barrages and armored vehicles were used in savage street battles.

The sources said Malloum was still at an improvised command post inside the international airport Friday morning.

Evacuation of French residents started Thursday afternoon with about 40, mainly women and children, flown by French air force Transall transports to Libreville, Gabon.

The source said the ceasefire, strongly urged by French authorities, was arranged on the

scene by the commander of the 2,500-strong French forces. It has been stationed in Chad to help Malloum fight widespread guerrilla bands who control much of the vast desert nation.

Habre's former guerrilla "army of the North" reportedly took control of Abeche, a major center in eastern Chad, Wednesday.

The N'Djamena fighting has been between Habre's men, who came in with him when he split with Frolinat (Front de Libération National du Tchad) guerrillas last August.

Habre had accepted Malloum's offer to become premier last August. But the two men were never able to work together.

But guerrillas backing Habre had appeared Thursday night to have ousted Malloum after four days of bloody fighting.

Informed sources in N'Djamena then said that a light plane was waiting to fly Malloum out of the country and that he seemed to have been replaced by General Commander Wadal Abdul Kader Kamougue.

The situation in N'Djamena was chaotic.

Panic-stricken people sheltered as best they could from an artillery duel between the rival armies.



SKYLARK: Vietnamese work on the deck of the freighter Skylark, loading supplies provided by Hong Kong. There are increased indications that the colony and Taiwan are centers of refugee-running syndicates.

Asian syndicates said running refugee racket

HONG KONG, Feb. 16 (AP)—There are increasing indications that syndicates involved in smuggling refugees from Vietnam to Southeast Asian countries are operating out of this British crown colony and Taiwan, sources close to the government reported Friday.

The sources said the information came to light when authorities discovered several Hong Kong residents were among some 3,000 Vietnamese refugees aboard a freighter which arrived here last month.

Officials, according to the sources, also noted most of the crew members of two freighters which recently brought some 6,000 Vietnamese refugees to Hong Kong were Taiwanese. The sources said one of the top syndicate officials is "a shipping broker in Taiwan" and another a Hong Kong businessman.

The sources said after all

necessary arrangements are made, junks loaded with refugees will rendezvous with hired freighters which take escapes to Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia and other Asian countries.

They said after the refugees are transferred to the freighters, usually Hong Kong or Taiwan, owned, the junks are either abandoned or damaged deliberately.

Several refugees in Hong Kong said they had paid large sums of money and gold to Vietnamese officials who let them leave the country in groups of some 300 in fishing junks.

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Khomeini

high as 700 dead with thousands wounded. Radio Tehran blamed the fighting on "counter-revolutionary Savak agents" and said a night curfew remained in effect even though the revolutionary forces had regained control.

Some 65 trucks loaded with food and other commodities were reported dispatched to Tehran.

U.S. officials, meanwhile, began reading an aid list using two 747 jumbo jets chartered from Pan American World Airways. About 800 were expected to leave on the first two flights.

Pan American sent a Boeing 707 to Tehran from Bahrain Friday and it took off for Frankfurt, shortly after noon carrying most of its 90 employees in Iran plus any other persons who could get aboard the 183-seat plane. The airport was heavily guarded by guerrillas loyal to Khomeini.

Six U.S. Air Force C-130 transports and five "jolly green giant" helicopters were being sent to the NATO base at Incirlik, Turkey, 850 miles from Tehran, in case they are needed for the airlift.

The U.S. government expects some 5,000 of the 7,000 Americans still in Iran to

leave the country. It arranged the evacuation airlift after scores of renegade gunmen stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran Wednesday and held Ambassador William Sullivan and 101 Americans prisoner for several hours before the revolutionary government freed them. Two marines were slightly wounded in the attack.

Arab

two capital in southern North Yemen.

Basendowah said the Saudi government has offered to "give us anything we need to modernize our information services—printing presses and the latest in publishing technology. We are very grateful to Dr. Yaman for his help."

Saudi aid to North Yemen covers the annual budgetary deficit, finances development

projects and builds school hospitals, roads, mosques and water works. "It is so much we can't remember it all," he said. Sark Aziz, a high-ranking member of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, was quoted in the newspaper interview as saying Gulf security can only be achieved through the solidarity of the entire region.

Americans embittered

Envoy's widow lands in Kabul

KABUL, Feb. 16 (AP)—A presidential plane arrived in Kabul Friday to retrieve the body of U.S. Ambassador Adolph Dubs, slain during a gun battle between kidnappers and Afghan security forces.

His widow, Mary Anne, descended from the Boeing 707 and tearfully greeted members of the embassy staff. Security has been strengthened at the U.S. embassy which has curtailed all unnecessary travel by staff outside the Afghan capital.

The embassy has advised American citizens here to be "discreet" about their movements within Kabul.

A memorial service for the slain ambassador was to be held Friday evening at Dubs' residence and the plane was scheduled to depart Kabul with his body Saturday morning en route to Washington.

Many Americans here said they were extremely bitter about the handling of the kidnapping Wednesday and what they said was the callous attitude afterward by President Nur Muhammad Taraki's regime.

Dubs' widow, who works in Washington, and his brother, Alex, were among the nine-member official party aboard the 707.

The ambassador was abducted on his way to the embassy by four armed men who seized control of his yellow Oldsmobile sedan. He was taken to the Kabul Hotel in the center of the city where his three-hour abduction ended with an intense 40-second

shootout between the kidnappers and Afghan troops and security men.

It has not been determined whether the bullets that killed him were fired by his abductors or by government forces.

The Kabul Hotel remained heavily guarded. Security men hustled aside an Associated Press photographer when he attempted to photograph bullet holes on the outside wall of the hotel. The holes have since been repaired and glass facing the street has also been replaced. It had been shot out by snipers across the street.

Dubs' abduction was strongly condemned by the government-run "Kabul Times" newspaper, which called it a "savage and inhumane act."

The U.S. had asked Kabul not to jeopardize the ambassador's life by storming the bo-

tel, and the State Department lodged a strong protest with the Afghan government when the appeals went unheeded. A U.S. protest also was made to the Soviet Union because Soviet advisors at the scene also disregarded the U.S. appeals for restraint.

Diplomats said that members of the government did not appear to be particularly concerned. One diplomat said a ranking cabinet minister remarked at a gathering, "Too bad about the American ambassador." The diplomat added: "(The minister) sounded like his feathers weren't ruffled, like he couldn't give a damn."

"They (the terrorists) thought the Americans have died," said one diplomat. "If they got the American ambassador, they believed the government would have caved in."

U.S. Justice Department says

Lockheed officers escape charges

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The U.S. Justice Department has decided against charging former top Lockheed Aircraft Corporation officers with any crimes for their parts in millions of dollars in foreign payoffs, a top investigator said Thursday night.

Richard Becker, who heads the department's Criminal Fraud Section, said no charges would be filed against former Lockheed President A. C. Kotchian, a former Lockheed chair-

man Daniel Haughton. Both resigned their posts almost three years ago.

Becker said the two were among the subjects of a federal grand jury investigation in Washington of foreign payoffs, which Lockheed and other companies have admitted making in the early 1970s. Becker said investigation of related matters is continuing.

The giant aerospace company issued a report in 1977, admitting more than \$30 mil-

lion in foreign payoffs to help boost sales and saying Kotchian and Haughton "were responsible for the questionable payments and practices."

Kotchian said later that he considered himself and his company scapegoats for a movement toward international business reform.

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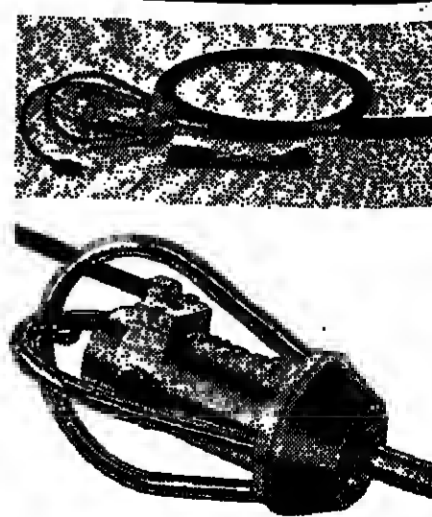
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